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Proposal to rehabilitate La Fiesta is on the table

COFFEE WITH A COP
Members of the public sit and chat with a Department of Public Safety officer yesterday morning at the Middle Road branch of McDonald's Saipan as part of the new program called "Coffee with a Cop." The public gave feedback on how the department has handled current issues on Saipan and asked how they can work with DPS to ensure the island's safety. A little under 50 individuals dropped by to get a free cup of coffee with the policemen.
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REPORTER

A proposal to convert a portion of the abandoned La Fiesta Mall into a medical facility has been submitted to a member of the House of Representatives as well as the Office of the Governor's earlier this month.

The proposal, submitted by a California-based investor, seeks to turn the section called Fiesta II into a medical facility complete with an urgent care section, ambulatory surgery center, medical spa, fitness center, farmer's market, and demonstration kitchen.

The proposal is with Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and the Governor's Office.

According to information obtained from Deleon Guerrero, Eric Yan, a medical doctor reported to

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PSS stands pat with termination decision

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REPORTER

Faced with doubts and varied speculations, Board of Education chair Marylou Ada said the Public School System board is more concerned about nurturing and developing the children of the CNMI.

Ada gave this response when asked about the termination of former Education commissioner Cynthia I. Deleon Guerrero last week, who was let go without an explanation, prompting conjectures and rumors.

"We have an enormous responsibility and we want to make sure we are doing the right job for our kids

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King-Hinds hopes 'leap of faith pays off'

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Kimberly King-Hinds characterized the Commonwealth Ports Authority board's approval of the U.S. Air Force divert airport layout plan for Tinian as a "leap of faith" that will hopefully pay off for the people of Tinian.

King-Hinds, who is a member of the CPA board herself, said that her position about expanding military activities on Tinian "is no secret."

"I've always advocated that any additional activities—use of land and use of resources—must come with benefits not just for the activity itself but for the people of Tinian," she said last Tuesday during the CPA board

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US wants suspect's continued detention

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The U.S. government wants Sen Sun kept detained pending his trial.

Sun, an alleged overstaying Chinese tourist who allegedly ran an unlicensed business that offered trip packages to the CNMI for pregnant Chinese women seeking to give birth here, is a serious flight risk, accord-

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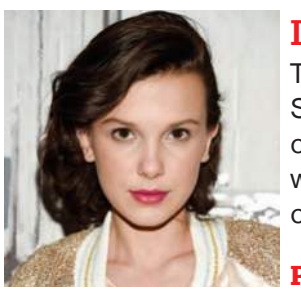

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Tipsea Tours: Turning an idea into a reality

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REPORTER

Some people look for greener pastures. Luke Gillies and his colleagues came to Saipan to look for bluer oceans—a term they use to find a new place that offer new opportunities.

After thinking about it for quite a few years, what finally tipped Gillies' hand were two powerful hurricanes in September—Irma and Maria—that swept through out the U.S. Virgin Islands and upended his business there.

"I was in St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands for the last five years, then the hurricanes rolled through and changed things," Gillies said. "I figured it's the best time to come out here."

Here meant not just settling down on Saipan but also setting up a new business venture called Tipsea Tours—a fishing business that also offers scuba diving, boat rentals, spear fishing, free diving, and boat charter services.

"I just put up my business in St. Thomas for sale today. We have been here only for a week so we are kind our feeling it out and weighing our options. We are trying to find what's missing, what we can contribute and add, [and] look for any boat businesses. So far, we like it," Gillies said.

Saipan seemed more like a dream when Gillies first heard about it. "I first heard of Saipan six years ago when I was working in Juno, Alaska, for another boat captain. Knowing where I was from, this boat captain told me that he lived in St. John, St. Thomas, and the Virgin Islands and he also lived on Saipan."

"He was telling me that the Caribbean had nothing on the waters here. Crystal-blue waters, nice weather, and friendly people. He was telling me a story that he was walking down the road and he cannot keep going without people inviting him to the barbecues and that's just kind of at the back of my head for six years," he added.

Gillies also wanted to see if another U.S. territory would be a good ground to start anew after being sidelined by Irma and Maria.

"We were looking at another U.S. territory to start again because it doesn't require a visa and we know there is Hawaii and Guam but we were looking for a small island to start small but sure," he said.

From left, Josh Revoy, Grace Kim, Colin Wadsworth of A Life Off Shore Tours and Kim Cody and Luke Gillies of Tipsea Tours.
BEA CABRERA

Colin Wadsworth, who owns A Life Off Shore Tours and is friends with Gillies, said that Saipan feels like home already.

"After being here for a week, we feel comfortable and at home. We are still licking our wounds from the storm and so we are here checking the market out and we like what we see. It's like 180 degrees different from what we are used to," he added.

There aren't as many marinas here compared to St. Thomas, where a marina is located every half mile.

"It is not something that we are used to because there are as many tourists here as we had in St. Thomas…but I understand that the marina here is protected so that's a really good thing. There are boat ramps here and the roads are good, so it's no big deal to have boats that you pull out," Gillies said.

With so much growth happening on Saipan, he hopes to find a niche.

"We see that Saipan is a good island where we can spend time and invest years. We've done a lot of travels, we have spent so much time in the Virgin Islands and we see a different market and life here," he said.

"We went snorkeling two days ago to check out the tanks and when we got out of the water, a nice family invited us to their barbecue. They gave us food and beer, introduced us to the entire family, and invited us to Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone has just been real nice!" Gillies added.

Tipsea Tours and A Life Off Shore were welcomed at the general membership meeting of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce last Nov. 2 at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Sandcastle.

"We are here indefinitely and looking at turning an idea into reality," Gillies said.

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CEC urges 17-year-old citizens to register now

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The Commonwealth Election Commission is urging all 17-year-old citizens who will turn 18 years old by the Nov. 6, 2018, general election to register now as voters.

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CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol is encouraging those 17-year-olds who will be turning 18 by the Nov. 6 election to register now while there is still no lines.

To register, CEC just needs either a valid U.S. passport or a copy of one's birth certificate.

Igitol disclosed that, as of Nov. 1, 2017, there are now 12,972 registered voters on Saipan and the Northern Islands, 1,629 on Tinian, and 1,818 on Rota—for a total of 16,419 registered voters in the CNMI.

She said the number fluctuates due to changes such as voters canceling or they don't want to vote here, deaths, and those having felony convictions.

There were a total of 17,928 registered voters in the CNMI in the 2016 general election.

The deadline to make any registration changes such as a change of last name or change of precincts is on Sept. 7, 2018.

As of yesterday, CEC still has four vacant commissioner's positions, all representing Saipan and the Northern Islands.

Last Sept. 26, the CEC board elected Jesus I. Sablan and Donald Hofschneider as chair pro tem and vice chair pro tem, respectively.

The board made a selection because CEC has no chairperson following the expiration of the term of former chair Frances M. Sablan last Aug. 8.

Ex-bank manager: He only learned about late Saipan mayor's TCD when lawsuit was filed

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A retired branch manager of the former Union Bank on Saipan and First Hawaiian Bank does not remember the late Saipan mayor Donald G. Flores buying a time certificate of deposit from Union Bank in 1993 and only learned about the matter when he and others were sued about the TCD.

Ken Kato, who took the witness stand yesterday in the lawsuit filed by Derron Gerard Flores over his late father's claim for his $200,000 TCD, was the manager of Union Bank in 1993.

Kato, who was called to the stand as the first witness of Juan T. Lizama, counsel for Flores, testified that he did not recall the late mayor buying the TCD.

He also does not remember former Union Bank employee Lourdes S. Deleon Guerrero coming to him in 1999 to talk about Donald Flores' TCD.

When handed a copy of a receipt of Donald Flores' TCD, Kato said it's a very short period TCD, for 32 days with a maturity date of Oct. 12, 1993.

Kato said if a customer lost a copy of his TCD, the bank can just match the customer's indemnity bond's card with the customer's signature card in the bank.

Normally, once a TCD matures, they try to contact the customer by phone or mail, he said. Unclaimed TCDs go to matured TCD accounts.

He said the CNMI recently passed a law stating that, in the case of TCD accounts that have matured and remain unclaimed after a certain number of years, the money will go to the CNMI government. Kato said there was no such law before.

He said matured TCDs are placed in a bank's vault. After maturity, TCDs do not earn interest.

Kato also stated that he and former Union Bank employee Victoria B. Concepcion never discussed Donald Flores' TCD.

Kato said that in 1993 there was no online banking system, but the bank had computer records and duplicate records for TCDs stored in a vault.

If a TCD is cashed, the computer record in the bank is gone, Kato said.

Kato said he has no knowledge if Donald signed an indemnity bond.

After Kato's testimony, a staff of Lizama's law office and Lizama read Donald Flores' deposition. Deposition refers to the taking of testimony of a witness outside of court.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom, Kato was still on the witness stand.

The jury trial will resume today, Wednesday, in the U.S. District Court for the NMI. Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona is presiding over the trial.

Attorney Sean Frink is counsel for MUFG Union Bank.

Flores is claiming damages and interest in the total of $200,438 from MUFG Union Bank over his father's alleged $200,000 TCD. He also seeks prejudgment interest.

Donald filed the lawsuit against the bank in 2011. When he died in June 2014, his wife, Cecilia, was appointed administratrix of his estate. Cecilia, however, died in September 2015. Their son, Derron Flores, continued the lawsuit as administrator of Donald Flores' estate.

The lawsuit seeks to collect from MUFG Union Bank the principal and interest on the

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Kagman High library awarded $1,000 grant

The library of Kagman High School has been awarded a $1,000 grant to buy books for its collection.

The money came from Sisters in Crime's We Love Libraries program. Sisters in Crime is dedicated to promoting the ongoing advancement, recognition and professional development of women crime writers. Its members are authors, readers, publishers, agents, booksellers, and librarians bound by a passion for the mystery genre.

Libraries in the United States, including commonwealths and territories, can enter the group's monthly We Love Libraries lottery by submitting an entry form and a photo of one or more staff members with three books by Sisters in Crime authors.

"Kagman High School is extremely grateful and excited to be the October 2017 winner of the Sisters in Crime We Love Libraries program," said Kagman High School librarian Maria Ornes. "We plan on using the money to update our library collection with student selected mystery and suspense novels. Sisters in Crime's We Love Libraries program has just made it easier for us to build and maintain a current and relevant library collection for our students. Thank you!"

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KING-HINDS

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meeting in San Jose, Tinian.

King-Hinds was quite vocal about her feelings about the approval by the CPA board of the U.S. Air Force's divert layout plan, saying, "It has been a long journey to get where we are at today."

She said she took a leap of faith to trust once again and hopes it works out not just for the benefit of the military but for the people of Tinian as well, referring to the long-dormant plan of the U.S. military for Tinian. Two-thirds of the island was leased to the U.S. military in the '70s on the promises of the military to build a base there. That promise came to naught.

"If I am a little emotional, it's because the people of this community are the people who will bear and will be directly impacted and it was not an easy decision to make. Everybody's talking about economic development but you have to balance that with the preservation and safety the community, and allowing for the community to live their lives in a manner that is consistent in the way it is being lived today," she said.

According to King-Hinds, there have been many representations by the U.S. Department of Defense in as far as what they want to do on Tinian.

"This predates me as this goes all the way back to the time when they were negotiating the Covenant and Tinian basically gave up two-thirds of the property, with the hopes that Tinian would be safe sustainable economically," she said.

"Forty years later and over the course of the past two years we've seen many proposals come through, one of which has a very destructive component. In the middle of looking and reviewing all those activities, you go back to this pledge 40 years ago and you think not just about today but what will happen 40 years from now as a result of these training activities," King-Hinds added.

King-Hinds was tapped by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to join the high level communications with the U.S. Department of Defense regarding the divert operations.

"I voted for the approval because there is a firm commitment by the Department of Defense to immediately begin negotiations and not to wait for the [Federal Aviation Administration's] approval of the layout plan. This signals they are coming in good faith and basically addressing what we need in as far as the airport and our ability to support infrastructure at the airport so we can bring economic opportunities to Tinian," she said.

As part of this high level communications, the U.S. Department of Defense has also committed to benefit not only airport and seaport activities but also to assist the expansion of the health clinic, roads, and infrastructure that will be beneficial to the community of Tinian.

Recently, King-Hinds was assigned by the CPA to be the lead negotiator on behalf of CPA as it relates to negotiating the lease.

"Ultimately, the board is very concerned and recognize the fact, that although this is a CPA matter, it's Tinian that's going to be impacted. So to trust and to allow me to do that on behalf of the community, it's not easy but it can be done."

She said that everything boils down to trust.

"At the end of the day, whatever personal feelings that I have about military expansion on Tinian, it's not about me. It's about the community and the benefits that can come out of this. Based on the discussion between the governor and the DOD, the negatives are outweighed by the positives at this point," said King-Hinds.

COFFEE WITH A COP

The first Coffee with a Cop in the CNMI was held yesterday at the Middle Road branch of McDonald's. The event was joined by CNMI police officers and civilians who had the chance to discuss issues concerning the neighborhood that they live in.

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ing to assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley.

O'Malley also indicated that there is a serious risk that Sun "will obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice, or threaten, injure or intimidate" prospective witnesses or jurors.

During Sun's initial court appearance on Monday, O'Malley also asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI for a three-day continuance of the motion for detention. Benjamin Petersburg, the court-appointed counsel for Sun, did not object.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set the detention hearing for tomorrow, Thursday, at 11:30am.

Manglona went over the financial affidavit with Sun and noted that the court may need more time to determine if he qualifies for a court-appointed lawyer.

She ordered U.S. probation officer Margarita Wonenberg to meet with Sun to complete a financial background investigation.

After the hearing, Sun was remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

The indictment charged Sun with harboring illegal aliens, unlawfully employing aliens, and money laundering.

Sun, also known as Sam Sun, allegedly charged each client upwards of $15,000 for services that include providing round-the-clock caregivers who were unauthorized to work, according to the indictment.

PSS

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because we want them to be career-ready, college bound, and productive citizens of the Commonwealth," Ada said.

She pointed out that PSS has 2,000 employees and 10,000 children to think about.

"We have to be unified. We want to provide them an environment that will make them happy by providing professional development, keep up with the latest developments in curriculum, nurture productivity, creativity, and everything else," Ada added.

She added it is not the PSS board's role to please everyone.

"People are entitled to their own opinions. As public figures, we have developed a thick skin for criticism. We come into this position knowing that some of the things that we do might not sit well with the people and we are opening ourselves to criticisms."

"We just take it and move forward because if we will subject ourselves to other people's criticisms and you get affected, then you don't belong in this arena," she added.

There were conjectures that discrimination may have played a role in Deleon Guerrero's sudden termination, which Ada was quick to deny.

"Deleon Guerrero was not discriminated on. …During her tenure as commissioner, not any one of us ever looked at her as Carolinian. She sat at board meetings, we listened to her….When we hired her, we didn't see a woman or a Carolinian. We hired Deleon Guerrero because of her qualifications. She represented what we were looking for in a candidate and she was the best," Ada added.

Ada said she will only believe talks of a lawsuit when one is actually on the table.

"Until such time, my answer is the board will be ready to face any lawsuit if we have to and we are ready to defend our decision because we have nothing to hide. We are accountable for our decisions that were fact-driven and not founded on hearsay because eventually if something happens, we have to be accountable for that."

"Our decisions are strictly by the book, and no prior agenda. If there's a lawsuit, there's a lawsuit and we cannot stop it," she added.

According to Ada, Deleon Guerrero was to serve four years as commissioner and an employment evaluation is up every year, as stated in her contract. Nov. 21 marks her first year of employment.

"The contract states that we are supposed to evaluate every year and that should validate whether to keep you or not. Every year, you are [going] to be evaluated to see if the same goals are being met and if objectives and improvements are achieved because we want to make sure we are doing the right job for our kids."

"What we look for is if we are walking on the same path. The board and commissioner have objectives to meet and are supposed to be walking together. But if we are swaying away from the mission that we agreed on, we have a right to say, 'okay you are not with us.' We cannot be saying 'A' and the commissioner says 'B' because that will never work. We will be conflicting each other and that is not good for the schools, teachers, and the students," she added.

Ada said the board will not swerve from its mission: "students first."

"We had a meeting with management to make sure that continuity and stability remains at PSS. We do not want to get distracted because we are running 20 schools, 10,000 kids, 2,000 employees, and seven Head Start centers," Ada said.

"Deleon Guerrero did her best as a commissioner. She served us all the way through 11 months. Now it's time to go back to our mission, which is student's first. Things are normal and nothing has changed," Ada added.

PROPOSAL

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have businesses in the medical field in Los Angeles and San Francisco, has proposed to convert the "dead" mall in response to Deleon Guerrero's House Local Bill 20-14, which proposes to hold land owners responsible for the maintenance and conversion of blighted properties on Saipan.

According to Yan's proposal, other sections of La Fiesta—Fiesta I and Fiesta III—could be used for education, retail, dining, entertainment, recreation, tourism, housing, community center, and gardens, among other uses.

In Yan's proposal to Deleon Guerrero, the rehabilitation of these sections may be done in the secondary phases, according to the needs of the people and government of the CNMI.

Deleon Guerrero supports the intent of the proposal but said the CNMI needs to know more about Yan's business background.

"We need to know their business profiles," he said. "We need to [first] make sure that this is legit before the administration could entertain [the proposal]."

Although he declined to comment on the matter directly, press secretary Kevin Bautista told *Saipan Tribune* that the CNMI's growing economy has resulted in a "renewed interest by investors regarding the La Fiesta facility and property."

"In line with the governor's goal of controlled growth and development, the administration is looking at new proposals in a deliberate and methodical manner. While no formal timetable has been set regarding the restoration of the La Fiesta facility or a turnover of the lease itself, it remains an issue that will be assessed and reassessed in order to achieve the best possible outcome for our local economy and the needs of the people who call these islands home," he said.

According to Yan's proposal, the benefits of his proposal includes lower healthcare expenditures; smaller crowds at the hospitals; decreased rate of obesity and diabetes; spaces for other entrepreneurs to develop their businesses; long-term tenancy; lower crime; medical services; employment during site preparation, rehabilitation, and post-rehabilitation; and the maintenance and repair of the La Fiesta Mall.

Yan's proposal pointed out that "medical complexes are one of the top uses for dead malls and revenue [generation]." No amounts were mentioned in the proposal due to the difficulty to "accurately estimate the level of financing necessary to bring this project into fruition," citing the lack of "extensive discussions" with the Commonwealth government.

The proposal states that converting the La Fiesta Mall into a medical facility would be "the best use" of the area.

"None of the existing buildings should be demolished nor major construction should commence unless necessary. This use is supplemented with rehabilitation of other buildings according to the needs of the community and government," Yan said in his proposal.

"We are interested in a lease with an option to purchase and assumption of the yearly payments of $200,000," he added.

According to Deleon Guerrero, the La Fiesta Mall lease is held by Bridge Capital LLC.

LAWSUIT

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$200,000, 32-day TCD 24 years after Donald took it out at Union Bank in 1993.

Flores claimed damages for the $200,000 TCD principal, plus $438.06 for the 2.5 percent interest on the principal for the 32-day time period, for a total of $200,438.

Union Bank is not seeking any damages.

Manglona recently ruled that Flores may seek prejudgment interest on any damages that may be awarded in the jury trial.

Health premiums for govt employees, retirees go down

With open enrollment now available, government employees and retirees of the Commonwealth will be able to avail of another decrease in health insurance premiums.

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson said the 2018 policy now shows a 6-percent decrease in employee share—an offset afforded to government retirees as well.

"We have reached a 6-percent decrease since we started providing coverage through Aetna and we continue to work toward further reductions in cost. Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres is very aware of the challenges faced by employees and retirees regarding the cost of healthcare and insurance coverage. Our team has worked diligently in further lowering the cost over the past year through the employer share of the premium. We are happy to share that this is a 6-percent decrease for active government and retiree contributions for high, low, and basic premium coverage," Larson said.

Torres noted the Department of Finance was able to fully administer the government's Group Health and Life Insurance program through House Bill 19-114, which was signed in early August of 2016, and cut costs.

"With another decrease in the government's health insurance, we can see that it is running more efficiently and more affordably than before. We are able to pass on the savings to our government employees and we are still working to address the rising cost of healthcare through other means. I am pleased with the increase in the number of participants in the government's group insurance plans as well as the continued decrease in premium rates. I encourage more of our government employees and retirees to take advantage of these rates," Torres said.

Torres added that this is the initial phase of healthcare plans that will lead to significant policy reform to address enrollment costs and the healthcare needs of the Commonwealth.

For active government contributions, an employee previously paid $85.33 for coverage on the high end, but now will only pay $79.66.

This decrease is also passed on to the low and basic coverage from $27.25 to $25.44 for low coverage, and $2.20 for basic. An employee and spouse will now pay $163.30 for high coverage, $52.15 for low coverage and $4.50 for basic. An employee and their family will now pay $254.91 instead of $272.07 for high coverage, $81.40 for low, and $7.01 for basic.

For government retirees, employees will pay $86.30 for high coverage, $27.56 for low, $2.38 for basic. Inclusion of retiree spouses will cost $176.91 for high, $50.49 for low, and $4.88 for basic. For retirees and their family, $276.15 for high coverage, $88.18 for low, and $7.60 for basic.

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters is the resident general agent for Aetna in the CNMI and will assist during the Nov. 20 to Dec. 20 open enrollment. Enrollment and change requests must be submitted no later than Dec. 20, 2017. For more information on GHLI, call 664-1100. ***(PR)***

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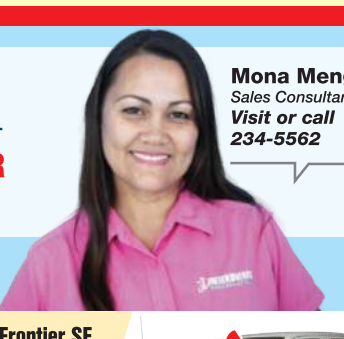

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CUC Customer Service Center open half-day on Veterans Day

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Customer Service Center will be open on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, from 8am to 12pm for payments and purchase of pre-paid meter tokens (load) only. Because of the long weekend, CUC is extending its Customer Service Center hours for the convenience of its customers. All other offices, however, will be closed on Friday in observance of Veterans Day. For emergencies, contact the CUC Call Center at 664-4282 (4CUC). ***(PR)***

Church 360 to hold kids' fall celebration

Church 360 will be holding a kids' fall celebration this Friday, Nov. 10, from 6pm to 8pm at Church 360 on the fourth floor of the Marianas Business Plaza. This free event is open for children ages 4-12. Parents are welcome to drop off their children or stay for the entire event. Parents will need to register their child at the door. Children will be learning about facing your fears through a Bible lesson, songs, verses, and Veggie Tale DVD clips. Children will also have snacks, play games, and make crafts. For more information email Joy at flybjrew@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

Free seminar on creating a business plan

The CNMI Small Business Development Center will be offering a free business seminar called "How to Write a Business Plan" at the Commonwealth Development Authority boardroom today, Nov. 7, 2017, from 8:30am to l0am. It will be presented by Nicole Babauta, director/business adviser at CNMI SBDC. To register, contact the CNMI SBDC office at 664-3018 or visit http://pisbden.ecenterdirect.cornievents. ***(PR)***

Free seminar on marketing

The CNMI Small Business Development Center will be offering a free business seminar called "How to Write a Marketing Plan" at the Commonwealth Development Authority boardroom on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, from 8:30am to 10am. It will be presented by Nicole Babauta, director/business adviser at CNMI SBDC. To register, contact the CNMI SBDC office at 664-3018 or visit http://pisbden.ecenterdirect.comievents. ***(PR)***

Military training at Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 today, Nov. 8, from 2pm to 9pm, and on Nov. 9, from 10am to 3pm. It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. ***(PR)***

Demolition training at AFB

The 554th Redhorse Squadron Demolition Team will be conducting explosive training from 7:30am to approximately 5pm on Nov. 15, 2017, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The training may produce loud noises, but will be localized to the munitions range of the base with no anticipated affect outside of the training area. ***(PR)***

APASEEM conference at AMP

The Asia Pacific Academy of Science, Education and Environmental Management continues its annual conference today and tomorrow, Nov. 8, and 9, at the American Memorial Park, from 5:30pm until 8:30pm. The conference is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Time is reserved at the end of each talk to answer question from the audience. ***(PR)***

Veterans Day observed Friday

This year, Veterans Day, which falls on Nov. 11, 2017, will be observed on Nov. 10, 2017. Schools and government offices will be closed. Under the law, if a legal holiday falls on a Saturday, it shall be celebrated on the preceding Friday. ***(PR)***

Revived *Kantan Isla* is rescheduled

The Kantan Isla Music Festival will be held on Nov. 17 at the Garapan Fishing Base, from 5pm to 11pm. For additional information, call CCA at 322-9982. There would be a raffle drawing and incentives for participating individuals. Ten vendor slots are open for non-profit organizations, families, and churches that want to raise funds. The council will be providing tents but a $25 park and recreation fee is required.

Las Vegas Night on Nov. 18

The 2017 Rotary Club of Saipan's Las Vegas Night is on Nov. 18, at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall, from 6pm to 12pm. This year the Rotary Club of Saipan will make a donation to the Rotary Club of Las Vegas Nevada to help those in this year's mass shootings. Each ticket is $5 or get five tickets for $20. You can call the Rotary Club of Saipan at 783-6378 for tickets, or visit any of the distribution points at Megabyte, NMPASI, or Paradise Dental. ***(PR)***

Chamber hosts sales training for holidays

The "Customer Service & Suggestive Selling for the Holidays" training seminar will be conducted on Nov. 16, from 9am to 12pm at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce conference room (Marianas Business Plaza, third floor, Suite 315). Registration fee is $50 per person for Saipan Chamber of Commerce members and $55 per person for non-members. Light refreshments are included. To register, call 670-234-7150 or email coordinator@saipanchamber.com. ***(PR)***

MVA membership meeting on Nov. 9

The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold its semi-annual general membership meeting on Nov. 9, 2017, at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort at 10am. Registration will begin at 9:30am.

Guest speakers will be from the MVA's offshore offices and will provide a recap of fiscal year 2017 projects and the MVA's marketing plans for fiscal year 2018.

Speakers will be the respective in-country managers: Irene Lee, Korea market; Shirley Zhang, China market; and Takashi Ichikura, Japan market.

The meeting cost is $16/person for MVA members and $20/person for non-members. The cost includes light refreshments and lunch. RSVP should be made by Nov. 3, 2017.

The MVA also welcomes new businesses, agencies and individuals who want to actively participate in the Marianas' top industry as MVA members. Membership is $100 annually. To RSVP, to request a membership application, or for more information, contact MVA Community Projects administrative assistant Demalynn Pagarao at dpagarao@mymarianas.com or call 664-3200. ***(MVA)***

VA benefits counselor visiting Saipan

A U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Administration benefits counselor will be at the Saipan VA Outreach Clinic on Dec. 15, 2017, from 9:30am to 3:30pm. The benefits counselor will be available to answer benefits questions, and assist with the claim process. The Saipan VA Outreach Clinic is located at the MH II Bldg. Suite 206, Marina Heights Business Park in Garapan. To request an appointment, contact Ruth Coleman at 322-0035. ***(PR)***

CNMI Next Top Chef competition

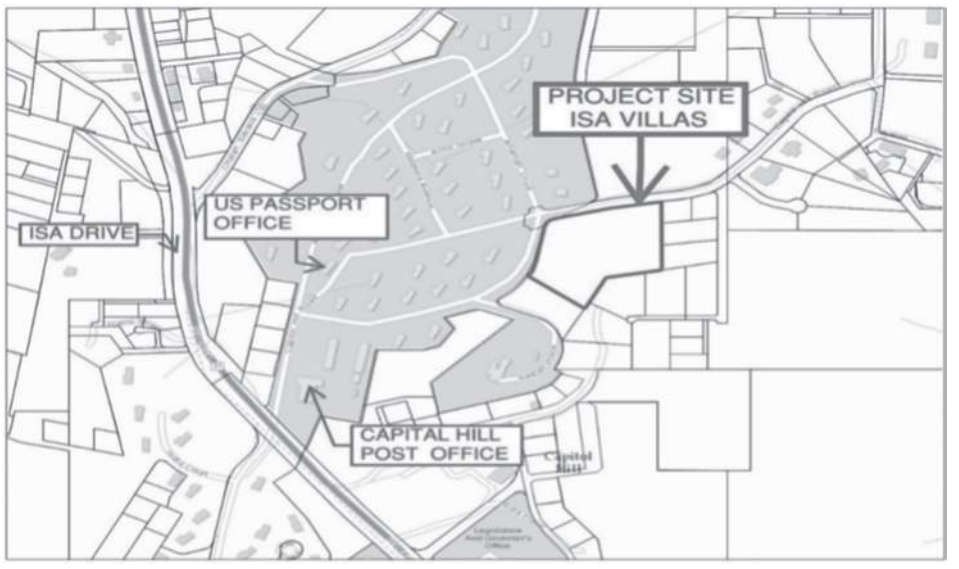
The CNMI Next Top Chef 2017 invites interested chefs to register for the competition on Nov. 9, 2017, at 6pm at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. Tickets are now on sale for $50/person including the live cooking competition, full buffet dinner, and raffle. For a chef entry form or tickets, contact Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation at 235-2340 or emptyvesselministry@gmail.com. Jointly organized with the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, the event will benefit the Empty Vessel Ministry. ***(PR)***

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS PROPOSED ISA VILLAS MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENTS CAPITOL HILL
DCRM Major Siting Permit No. SMS-2017-X-111

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed construction of the Isa Villas project. The Isa Villas project is a multifamily development complex which consists of two 3-story concrete buildings with 27 housing units. The project includes communal recreational space, community center, drive ways, parking and green space. The project site is located on Capitol Hill, Saipan, on a privately leased property identified as Lot Number 150 E 30. Total area of the project is about 19,969 square meters. The public hearing for this project is scheduled for Thursday, November 09, 2017, at 5PM, at the Office of the Governor, main conference room.

The applicants are Mr. Keith J. Stewart and Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Managing Partners of the ISA VILLAS PARTNERS, LLC.



Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M, Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Isa Villas Multi-Family Development project.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Ordnance Plan and North Field Munitions Response Sites Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces its intent to initiate a remedial investigation and feasibility study of the Ordnance Plan (also known as Retention Areas 14 and 18) and North Field munitions response sites in November 2017 in accordance with the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS). You are invited to attend a public meeting to learn about the DERP-FUDS environmental restoration process and the remedial investigation and feasibility study tasks to be performed at the sites. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives will be available during the meeting to answer your questions regarding elements of the remedial investigation and feasibility study.

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, November 15, 2017
Meeting Time:	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Meeting Location:	American Memorial Park Visitor Center Theater

For more information about the upcoming meeting, please contact Helene Takemoto, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District Project Manager at:

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF: MIGUEL FRANCIS SALAS MAGOFNA Minor Child By DELIA SALAS MAGOFNA Petitioner	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-0485 NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor child by Delia Salas Magofna, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio on the 27th day of November, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/
By: Deputy Clerk of Court

‘Pacific Paradise’ menu for Top Chef contest

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC donates $1,000 cash and in-kind donations to Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation chair Rose Smith, left, in support of the CNMI Next Top Chef 2017 competition on Nov. 9, 2017. Also pictured are IPI staff and EVMF volunteers.

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Bank of Saipan president and CEO John Arroyo presents a Bronze Level sponsorship donation to Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation chair Rose Smith in support of the CNMI Next Top Chef 2017 competition on Nov. 9, 2017. Pictured from left are EVMF volunteers, Bank of Saipan’s Karen Kalen, and CNMI Next Top Chef Committee members Das Krishnan and Soccoro Huliganga of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Roast pig and reef fish *eskabeche* and more “Pacific Paradise” cuisine await attendees of the CNMI Next Top Chef 2017 competition at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tomorrow.

The event is jointly organized by the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation.

This year’s menu was prepared by CNMI Next Top Chef organizing committee member and Grandvrio Resort Saipan executive chef Samson Tan, with the dishes coming straight from HANMI members hotels supporting the event.

Dishes will include Chamorro rice, and baby back ribs BBQ donated by Grandvrio Resort Saipan, seafood pasta in pesto sauce and reef fish *eskabeche* donated by Hyatt Regency Saipan, roast pig and sushi donated by Saipan World Resort, beef pot roast and butter vegetables donated by Kanoa Resort Saipan, chicken *kelaguen* with *titiyas* and sweet potato & taro salad donated by Mariana Resort & Spa, assorted local fruits platter and local fresh green salad donated by Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, crispy *lumpia* and ahi *poki* donated by Aqua Resort Club, roast pig and chocolate fondue donated by Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, and yam cheesecake, cassava cake, and coconut *latiyas* donated by Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

“We want to bring an exciting event, not just for good food but also the excitement of live professional cooking competition. We’ve been planning and doing a lot of conceptualization for the past three months with the help and support of a lot of people from the Top Chef Committee and to the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands officers and members, with all proceeds benefitting the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation,” said Tan.

Tickets are $50 per person and will be included in the event’s raffle drawing. Individuals attending the event are encouraged to dress comfortably in “Pacific Paradise” style for the outside venue at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan dinner show pavilion.

The list of sponsors for the CNMI Next Top Chef 2017 competition continues to grow in advance of Thursday’s event, with Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC and Bank of Saipan stepping forward as sponsors of the event.

They join gold sponsors Marianas Visitors Authority, *Marianas Variety*, and IT&E. Silver sponsors are Wushin Corp. and KCNM-KZMI. Bronze sponsors are Docomo Pacific, Micronesian Brokers, Let’s Go! Tour, SeaTouch, Bank of Saipan, Tools of the Trade, Pacific Wines & Spirits, Dr. Beth Kohnen, and Dr. David Grauman.

“We are fortunate for HANMI…organizing this annual competition,” said Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation president Rose Smith.

“Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan and Kanoa Resort helped Kagman High School last year in repairing their kitchen appliances, which was desperately needed by their culinary class.

“Last week, Fiesta donated 50 kitchen towels to their kitchen. We are thankful for the event because it is not only helping us raise funds, but at the same time inspiring chefs to showcase their skills and help young culinary students from Kagman High School.

“Special thanks to HANMI [board chair] Gloria Cavanagh, the general managers of HANMI member hotels, and the Committee for helping with the planning and logistics,” she said.

This year’s CNMI Next Top Chef contest is the fifth Top Chef competition of Empty Vessel Ministry since its inception in 2011.

This current contest will feature 12 chefs vying for the top prizes in a “Chopped”-style competition, live on-stage in three rounds to prepare appetizers, main entrée, and a dessert.

Top prizes are $1,000 for first place, $500 for second place, and $300 for third place.

Additional supporting HANMI member hotels are Kensington Hotel Saipan, Century Hotel, Coral Ocean Golf Resort, and Aquarius Beach Tower. Collaborating partners are Northern Marianas Trades Institute and Kagman High School Culinary class. Additional sponsors and supporters are: Aon Insurance, Atkins Kroll, Century Insurance, Century Tours Saipan, Chung Nam Corp., Current CNMI, Ernest & Young, Gree Air Condition, Godfather’s Bar, H-Mart, I Love Saipan, Hertz Rent A Car, Island Training Solutions, Japan Water System, JC Marketing Inc., Joeten Susupe, JWS Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, L&Q Corp., Natasha Service Center, National Office Supply, Pacific Home Appliance, Saipan Inc & One Pacific Distributors, Pacific Trading, PEGS LLC/Pacific, S.P.E. Rep. Francisco Santos Dela Cruz (Saipan) Inc., Saint Trading Co, Stars & Stripes Cruises in Paradise, Triple J Five Star Wholesale, V-Kool Advanced Window Film Tech., D&Q Saipan, Godfather’s Bar, Shirley’s Coffee Shop, UR Tent, KKMP, Saipan Tribune, KSPN2. Power 99, PTI, and Deloitte & Touche.

Corporations and individuals interested in donating to the event or purchasing tickets may contact EVM at 235-2340 or 483-0162. ***(PR)***

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5th Black Ties and *Zories*

Peachy Quitugua, far right, poses for a photo with Board of Education's Janice Tenorio during the Make-A-Wish Guam and Saipan Chapter's 5th Annual Black Tie and *Zories* fundraiser last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Make-A-Wish Guam and Saipan Chapter board members Kanae Quinn, left, and Eleanor Cabrera pose for a photo during the chapter's 5th Annual Black Tie and *Zories* fundraiser last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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Make-A-Wish Foundation Guam and Saipan Chapter president and CEO Eric Tydingco, far right, poses for a photo with foundation board members Eleanor Cabrera, second from the right, and Kanae Quinn, far left, during the 5th Annual Black Tie and *Zories* fundraiser last Friday.

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Erica Faye Tubera performs during the Make-A-Wish Guam and Saipan Chapter's 5th Annual Black Tie and *Zories* fundraiser last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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Zorie winners Jay Santos, left, and Tina Goodwin pose for a photo during the Make-A-Wish Guam and Saipan Chapter's 5th Annual Black Tie and *Zories* fundraiser last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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The Triple J Enterprises Saipan group poses for a photo during the Make-A-Wish Guam and Saipan Chapter's 5th Annual Black Tie and *Zories* fundraiser last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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Lawrence Tubera performs during the Make-A-Wish Guam and Saipan Chapter's 5th Annual Black Tie and *Zories* fundraiser last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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Guests mingle during the Make-A-Wish Guam and Saipan Chapter's 5th Annual Black Tie and *Zories* fundraiser last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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Govt officials take trip aboard *Okeanos Marianas*

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The Okeanos Sustainable Transport LTD on Monday brought aboard its first group for a short, daytime trip on the oceangoing *Okeanos Marianas*.

Government officials led by acting governor Victor B. Hocog and other selected individuals went aboard the *Okeanos Marianas* for a brief jaunt around Saipan, at the invitation of Emma Perez, managing director of Okeanos Sustainable Sea Transport which operates the vessel.

Joining Hocog aboard the *Okeanos Marianas* were Rep. Ivan Blanco (R-Saipan), Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality acting administrator Eli Cabrera, Rep. Alice Igitol (R-Saipan), and others.

According to Hocog, it is only right that the leaders of the Marianas learn more about the vessel since the people of the Marianas themselves will be using the boat.

"We're going to have partial ownership of the canoe so we need to see how it works in open water," he said.

Igitol was excited but a tad nervous to be a part of the trip. "I hope I don't get seasick, I'm scared of water," she said.

Perez hopes the trip would help Marianas leaders understand what the *Okeanos Marianas* will be providing for the Marianas.

"We wanted to invite the leadership on the trip because this is something new for the community and we want the leadership to understand what is available to them," she said.

Perez said those invited on the tour on Monday were instrumental in helping get the canoe to Saipan.

She is now working on organizing trips for the public to experience what it's like aboard the *Okeanos Marianas.*

"We're trying to get as many people as possible on board so that they can understand what's happening," she said.

Perez hopes to instill in the minds of those who have been aboard the canoe—and who are interested in taking a trip on the canoe—that the purpose of the *Okeanos Marianas* is not so much to make money but to revive the oceangoing culture of the Marianas and to bring people back to the water.

Perez also wants to bring students on Saipan aboard the canoe to help them understand that these vessels can be a part of their life now and it will be a part of generations to come.

A crew of eight, the guests, and Peter and Emma Perez set sail at about 1pm on Monday for the the hourlong-plus trip around Saipan.

Since arriving on Saipan over a week ago from New Zealand, the vessel has already gone to Tinian, Perez said, where master navigator Peia Patai trained a few individuals about his knowledge of sailing.

The *Okeanos Marianas* was able to bring aboard 16 individuals on its trip around Saipan.

Okeanos Sustainable Transport plans to use the vessel for regular trips to the Northern Islands and Tinian.

The first group of CNMI residents to get aboard the *Okeanos Marianas* pose for a photo yesterday before their trip around Saipan. The boat itself had just arrived on Saipan after a journey from New Zealand. The boat has already been to Tinian.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

'CNMI Legislature should decide about cockfighting'

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) issued the following statement yesterday in response to the introduction of a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives that would outlaw cockfighting in the Marianas and the other non-state areas of the U.S.

"Whether to continue allowing cockfighting in the Marianas is a question best left to our local legislators to answer.

"Federal law already bars the interstate shipment of fighting cocks, which is a legitimate exercise of federal authority. But cockfighting that is strictly confined to the Marianas, [that] stays within our borders and involves no federal interests, should remain a matter for local decisionmakers.

"I want to thank those in the Democratic caucus who consulted with me before deciding whether to cosponsor this bill, especially those who decided not to cosponsor as a result of our discussion. Because I know that animal fighting is hard to defend and understand in other parts of our country."

"I was able to explain that this is a culturally accepted practice in the Marianas that is best regulated by local law. And, if the bill does move forward in Congress, I will continue to make the case that this is a decision for the Commonwealth Legislature." ***(PR)***

Power outage on Capital Hill on Thurs.

There will be a scheduled power interruption tomorrow, Nov. 9, 2017, on Capital Hill, from 9am to 1pm, to de-energize the primary lines to allow line crew of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to replace deteriorated power pole hardware.

This is part of an ongoing systems maintenance project to strengthen and harden the integrity of the power distribution system throughout Saipan.

Areas to be affected are Haat Pl., Mate Dr., Hafno St., and Sagua Dr.

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Will Trump get what he wants in China?

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Donald Trump is reinventing the kowtow for the Twitter age. Last week, in fawning tweets, he celebrated Chinese President Xi Jinping's "extraordinary elevation" at the 19th Chinese Communist Party Congress, and in a TV interview he bragged that he and Xi had the best "president-president" relationship ever. It was over the top—especially in light of the fact that Xi is an authoritarian leader.

Clearly, Trump, a man not known for his humility, wants something. China is the most important stop on his 12-day, five nation Asia tour, which began Friday. In Beijing, Trump will be hoping for not only progress on North Korea and trade issues, but for a little of Xi's momentum, power and prestige to rub off on him.

At the close of the party congress last month, Xi was affirmed as a Chinese leader unequaled in stature by any since Mao Tse-tung. At the same time, at Xi's urging, the country's ruling body agreed to break with its long-standing policy of denying China's designs on a global leadership role. Instead, in a 203-minute address to the party forum, Xi asserted that the People's Republic was ready to become a "mighty force" on the world stage.

Xi's ascendance and China's aggressiveness stand in stark contrast to Trump's struggles, Washington's paralysis and America's retreat from the preeminent international role it has played since the end of World War II.

Despite the role reversal, the Chinese will appear to stroke American egos, especially Trump's. Expect them to ply him with pomp and ceremony, setting up colorful photo ops that will play well on social media, and giving the president the quasi-royal treatment he craves. They may even offer up some business deals and the promise of unspecified cooperation with American attempts to combat the nuclear threat of North Korea. But if you read deference into the show, you will be wrong.

China is still a poor country in many respects, but this year has seen it open its first overseas military base, increase its blue-water naval capability and expand Xi's trademark "One Belt, One Road" infrastructure initiative (which extends China's influence from the Pacific Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea). The People's Republic has been asserting its will on a wide range of issues, including trade and the question of who can claim the islands off its coast.

Xi and company know that Trump leads a country with greater military and economic resources than China, but

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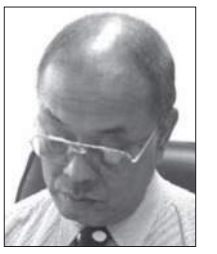
Kantan Pot 'Tano`ta'



By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune
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Guaha un` sunidu giya Hawaii ni makakanta gi todu okasion. Hu akanteha pot para bai` kesoda` haf` sustansiaña. Era, pot "tano`ta".

Haf` na ilegña "tano`ta" ya ti "tautau-ta?" I petlas i pisun tinituhun yan finagpu` tautau. Gaige este gi Santa Biblia na i tautau ginen i edda` ya odda` uttimoña `nai ma-despone. Todu manla`la` desde antigu na tiempu gi inai petlas lau i edda` `nai man-deskansa.

I mismu sunidu hana`e gloria i Saina pot ma`ug na rekueddu yan bendision. Mettun yan sattun kinemprenden niha haf` petlas tautau isla ni mattu ginen hilu`.

Esplikasion patte ilegña, "Inai petlas `nai mafañagu-yu`, gloria para i Saina pot este na rikesa, i famaguon u renisibe achon tradision, fresku yan suabe na guinaifen mañglu gi papa` ma`lag mapagahes iya paraisu".

I usun tanu` gi todu isla parehu. I sensian geftau inana`e sumen fitme na pogse` tautau isla. Estague` muna` ma`ug tautau isla maseha manu na tanu` gi halum iya Pasifiku. Huli`e sensian inana`e gi todu nasion isla `nai hu represesenta Marianas gi South Pacific Community. Parehu!

Kuatdrante: Kinemprendeg-hu kustumbren tanu` i para ta satba asuntun familia gi halum guma`. Taya` presisu na para ta fatta aplacha`ta publikamente.

Mas este na kustumbre mauleg mapraktika gi man-sentidu siha na asuntu piot relihion. Na ti tinago i Saina para tafan man-asi`i?

Ti listuyu` mañgondena ni unu sa` ennau na asuntu solu i Saina siña dumespone. Hu komprende i asuntu pot guahu mismu gai mancha-yu` lokue`. Dispues, unu giya hululu` na tinagu` i Saina i para tafan man-asi`i. Dipensa i prohimu ya un` madispensa lokue` siakassu hagu tinetpe lotgun.

In` hassu estorian Santa Maria Magdalena? Finu` man-amku` "Muñga mana` kuatdrau mampos kuadrante-mu!"

**Chagu`:** Gi puntan tasi gi lemlem tautau, sige i isa ha dulalag lagun rinikohen homhum uchan. Kantun tasi, dumaña` bonitun sunidun napun dikiki` yan guinaifen suabe na mañglu gi entalu` hagun troñku siha.

Mas katma siñienteg-hu ni bonitan minachum atdau gi sanlagu. Maliñgu adumididi` gi finattun pueñge. Hu huchum matahu manayuyot mit grasias gi Saina pot granun unai gi gatbu na petlas iya paraisu.

Ti u lache este na pueñge manhassu suanu na asuntu siha pot tano`-ta. Piot sa` gaige i Saina gi fihon-hu para u pipetyu` gi pinekat-hu. Kontentu na siñiente i hu soda` gi pasifiku na kantun tasi antes de biradan i gima`. Bonitu hinanau lemlem tautau na pueñge. Gloria para Saina! Eyag umespiha ginefsaga-mu gi silensiu na lugat.

Guahan: I kinalamten mañelu-ta giya Guahan umeksisia direchun niha ditetminasion estau politika mauleg na pinetsige. Ginen un` inakonfotma yan federat siña dispues matuge` konstitusion inestablesen gobietnon iya Guahan. Estague` na pisu `nai todu disposision asuntun natibu u fattu ginen siha mismu kumu petmanente na hiriderus!

Propiu i tiempu `nai debi tautau tanu` guiya u gu`ot timon sisteman maisa na gobietnamentu (self-government). Tihu li`e haf` na para otru sien años para u fan matrata kumu estrañgheru gi tanu` niha mismu! Tinaka` tiempu lau debi umapetsige sin ditension ineksisian direchun natibu dumesponen maisa konduktan maisa na gobietnu.

Insuttu gi tautau tanu` i para umañega dirichoña pot interes militat yan otru siha tautaugue ni man-ginen hiyuñg. Debi u guaha sattun na respetu gi direchun tautau tanu`!

Hinanau: Ochu años malofan gotpe 3-4,000 gi tautau-ta mamueba siha para otru lugat pot inaligau appottunidat disiente na linala` familia. Masiente pineduñg kinalamten guine `nai taya` appottunidat cho`chu`. Ensegidas ha lagnos salape` niha ginen programan man-ritirau ya man-hanau.

I hiniyuñg bisnis Japones mas umaminasa kinalamten-ta. Maliñgu Marianas kase $12 biyon pesus ni hagas kumikililog gi ekonomian i tanu`. `Nai ha lagnos siha kontodu ruplanu (JAL) yan mabenden mas man-dañkulu na bisnis niha sin ditension. Memegaiña ti kumomprende haf` masusede. Lau linachen man-ma`gasta na humuyuñg salape` Japones guine.

Pa`gu i mansabiu sige matrabuka taimanu na para u mas la`la` hinalom nuebu na bisnis siha. Kontodu offresimientun anaku` na tetminon atkilon tanu` publiku sige mabohau kulan mohon katnadan guihan machiñg.

Tai bali este na hinassu mientras taya` fasilidat kandet, hanum yan sewer tat lugat kumu iya Magpi yan sanlichan na patte giya Saipan. Debi Marianas una` kabalise este siha na nesessidat `sino ha kaikaigue` i nuebu na kometsiante.

**Usun Mama`:** Ilegniha na i usun pugua`, pupulu, afog, yan amaska patte gi kutturan natibu. Manu dinanche: kuttura pat kustumbre? I kinemprendeg-hu, i kanastran mama` ma-offrerese i bisita kumu primet saludu. Dispues de felisitasion `nai matutuhun konbetsan hafa sessu finatoña i prohimu(ma).

Ti fuetsau usun mama` sa` gaige ennau kumu petsonat na disision. Siña kase pot inaya ha kachetgue`. Lamegai lokue` hu tuñgu` ti umu`usa mama` diariu. Kase gaige este na asuntu gi bisiu. Ahe` ti kuttura soluke sessu tita hasñgun pumega na kuttura. Destrosiu na bisiu piot i pigua` yan amaska. Dudayu` kau guaha kutturan destrosiu gi natibu. Poresu na fina` bisiu este i mama`.

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Who can receive home care and hospice services?

By **MARIANAS HEALTH**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Last Wednesday we gave an overview of what home healthcare does. Today we will see how the need for home care is growing and describe how one is eligible to receive home care.

Home healthcare covers a wide range of services. It covers skilled nursing care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology services, palliative care, hospice care and assistance in daily living activities—but the care received by each patient is customized to meet their specific needs. In the past decades, it has been predicted that the need for home healthcare would increase.

In Deloitte's online article "Global Health Care Outlook 2017," it is states that "the world's major regions are expected to see healthcare spending increases ranging from 2.4 percent to 7.5 percent between 2015 and 2020." In the United States, this is anticipated as we see the coming of age (retirement) of the "baby boom" generation (those born between 1946 and 1964). The article further states that "the rising demand and associated spending [for health care] are being fueled by an aging population; the growing prevalence of chronic diseases and morbidities; development of costly clinical innovations; increasing patient awareness, knowledge, and expectations…."

So as the cost of healthcare increases due to an aging population and an increase in the occurrence of chronic diseases (such as diabetes mellitus, hypertension, heart disease, obesity, etc.), the nation needs to find means of reducing costs in order to fund an increasing number of patients. As home care is "usually less expensive, more convenient, and just as effective as care you get in a hospital," (as per Medicare) we have a partial solution to this challenge.

Who is eligible for homecare? While age is not a determining factor, we find that the majority of home healthcare recipients are 65 and older and thereby eligible to receive Medicare benefits. We will therefore share the Medicare criteria on who is eligible to receive home healthcare services as published in the "Medicare & Home Health Care" official government booklet.

Home Care Recipient Criteria:

1. You are under the care of a doctor and require services specified in a plan of care developed and reviewed by the doctor and the doctor refers you for home healthcare.

2. Your doctor certifies that you need one or more of the following services: intermittent skilled nursing, physical therapy, speech language pathology services, or continued occupational therapy.

3. You are homebound, which means: leaving home is not recommended by your doctor due to your condition or you have difficulty leaving home without the help of an assistive device such as a wheelchair, walker, or cane; it requires a taxing effort to leave your home; and you only leave home on an infrequent basis and only for short periods of time.

These criteria are spelled out in detail in the official government booklet found by following this link: https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10969-Medicare-and-Home-Health-Care.pdf

Please stay tuned for additional articles to learn more about home healthcare and hospice in this newspaper during the month of November. Also, please take advantage of a free health screening to be held today, Nov. 8, 2017, from 9am to 11am near the IT&E Kagman office location. Please call 233-4646/7 for more details about the screening or directions.

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they also know he has been able to get precious little accomplished as president. They understand the challenges he faces: special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation, the threat of a stock market downturn and deep divisions within the Republican Party.

The Chinese have also discovered that Trump is as inconsistent as he is susceptible to flattery. Only a few months before his valentines to Xi, he was tweeting his displeasure at China—"They do NOTHING for us with North Korea"—and attacking past U.S. presidents as "foolish" for deals they made with Beijing. Xinhua, China's national news agency, responded to the outburst by urging Trump to stop his "emotional venting."

However grand the welcome for Trump may be, the Chinese will be serving their own goals. Behind the scenes, they will flex their muscles in tough negotiations because they can, and they now believe they should. In the end, Trump is likely to make very little in the way of meaningful gains on any major issues during his stay.

As former Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs and veteran China expert Robert Hormats said to me, "Xi sees China as leading the next phase of globalization and of the evolution of the global economic order. [He] believes the direction should be and will be guided more by Beijing than Washington." This, Hormats believes, will change the dynamic in the U.S.-China relationship. In Xi's party address, he proclaimed a "new era" for China. To put it in terms the president might better understand, it may be the era of America Second.

The lasting message of Trump's trip could well be the one foretold by the obsequiousness of his tweets last month. If his visit is "historic," as he predicted on social media, it will be because it is the first in which an American president discovers he has traveled all the way to Beijing to meet with the most powerful man in the world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

CNMI Weightlifting would like to thank all who so graciously supported our lunch fundraiser this past Saturday. The funds will be used to help pay for airfare for two competitors and one delegate to attend the 2017 Pacific Mini-Games in Vanuatu this December. Ray Santos and Angel San Nicolas will be competing, and Greg Borja will represent us as the delegate/coach.

We especially thank The Shack, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and MarPac for their donations in support of our weightlifters.

The following are the winners of the raffle held Nov. 4, 2017:

- Ticket No. 90: Connie Atalig
- Ticket No. 12: unknown
- Ticket No. 100: Paul Manglona
- Ticket No. 45: Jim Rayphand
- Ticket No. 150: Suzanne Lizama

Winners who have not received their prize may come by the NMPASI office to pick up their prize.

CNMI Weightlifting is the officially recognized weightlifting federation for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Our first competition was held on Oct. 7, 2017. We are in the process of looking for training facilities and are focused on obtaining needed equipment for training and future competitions.

Any donations to help pay for airfare to Vanuatu or to assist in supporting the sport of weightlifting in the Commonwealth will be greatly appreciated. For more information or to make a donation, please contact John Davis at 789-9211, Karen Davis at 789-9214, or Jeanne Rayphand at 287-9807

Jeanne Rayphand
Secretary, CNMI Weightlifting

Coffee with a Cop: Thanks

Enormous gratitude is extended to McDonald's and the Department of Public Safety for their community support at Tuesday's "Coffee with a Cop" event. The great DPS turnout and show of community concern and respect is commendable.

The format was informal, open table discussions of citizen concerns and issues, which enabled those talks to be more personal and extended. However, it did not allow those at other tables to participate in them. I recommend this as an annual event, and next time try a more open forum Q&A that allows everyone to hear and participate in the issues brought up. I also recommend more citizens to take advantage of this unique opportunity to be informal and personal with those that provide for your safety.

The concerns and suggestions I discussed with one DPS officer there are shared by many, and outlined here because its importance is what everyone should be aware of.

Over four years ago, our governor signed Ralph Demapan's three-foot bill, House Bill 18-19, into law. This states that motorists must be at least three feet away from the bicyclists they pass. This law is designed to make the CNMI a safe place to ride, and encourage more biking for transportation and recreation.

With the CNMI's rapidly increasing number of vehicles and health problems related to too little exercise, safe cycling needs to be enforced in order to promote the CNMI as a safe place to both ride and visit. *Islands* magazine rated Saipan as one of the top three islands in the world for recreation. Enforcement of the three-foot law would help keep that recognition and encourage more cycling.

While DPS provides extensive and excellent support for organized bicycle races, their support needs to be extended to all cyclists all the time. Also, while there's a lot done to enforce drunk driving and seatbelt laws with traffic stops, billboards, and radio ads from federal funding, no federal funds for bicycling safety results in very little attention other than a few "Share The Road" signs in the same location. Yet a cyclist getting hit by a vehicle should be as important and as much of a concern because the result could as easily, and more likely, result in death.

With the way drivers drive, their right-of-way mentality, and lack of awareness of driving laws, it's just a matter of time before a cyclist is killed by a vehicle. Public awareness of cycling safety, sharing the road, and enforcement of the three-foot law would reduce the likelihood of that happening again. That was the point of my DPS discussion and of this letter.

Cycling safety suggestions include more bike safety signs and billboards around the island similar to what we have for drunk driving and "Click It or Ticket" that clearly indicate the minimum three feet distance law. Another is for DPS to ticket motorists who don't comply with this law. Following any biker for any amount of time could easily result in numerous tickets as so few drivers follow or even know about this law. As such, it would also increase awareness, cycling, and the government's budget for additional enforcement efforts. It could even result in fewer cars on the road, which is now also needed. A win-win for all. This three-foot law should also be a test question for new licenses and made clear to anyone renting cars.

With cyclists preparing for the Dec. 2 annual around the island Hell of the Marianas bike race, now is the time to be extra vigilant and considerate of bikers and the law. And during that race, dog owners along the race route are asked to please keep them tied up. Thanks!

Paul Plunkett
Dandan, Saipan

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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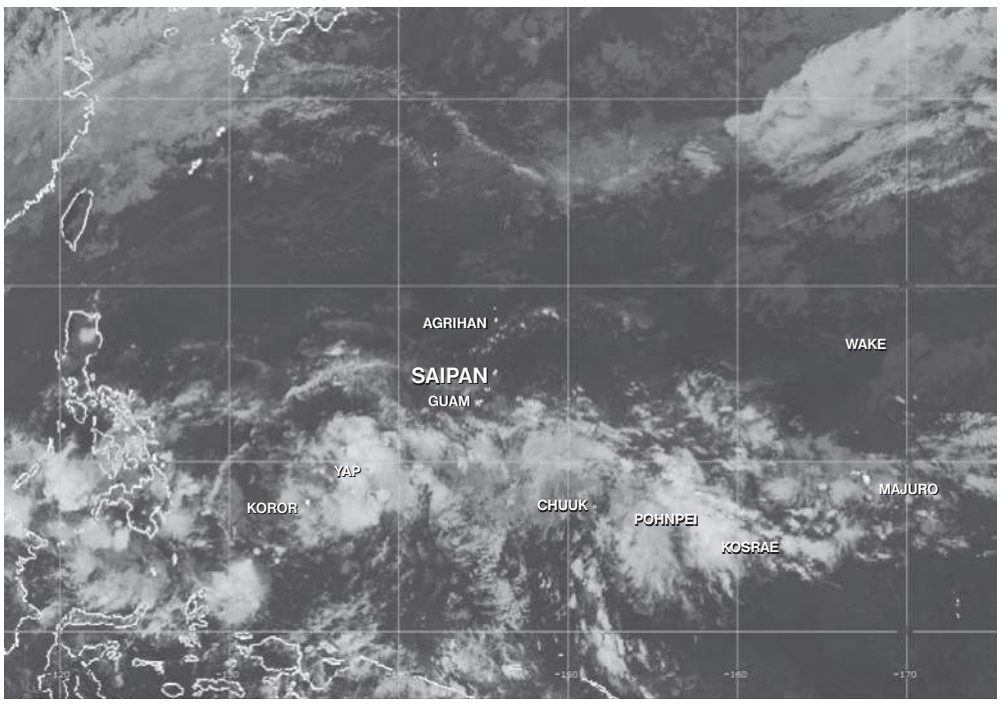
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:00 AM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite trends and model guidance indicate that any significant showers will remain south of the Marianas today. So the forecast remains the same as before, with partly cloudy skies and isolated showers for the duration.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	88° / 81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	63° / 55°
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	54° / 39°
Hong Kong	Sunny	81° / 73°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	83° / 73°
London	Partly Cloudy	48° / 39°
Los Angeles	Sunny	73° / 55°
Manila	Showers	88° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	72° / 46°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	81° / 74°
New York	Partly Cloudy	54° / 45°
Osaka	Sunny	63° / 45°
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	48° / 39°
Busan	Sunny	66° / 54°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	63° / 48°
Salem	Thunderstorm	72° / 60°
San Francisco	Rain	62° / 53°
Seoul	Sunny	61° / 43°
Tokyo	Windy	64° / 48°
Washington, DC	Cloudy	52° / 41°

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
4:26 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.49
11:29 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.00
5:09 PM	LOW TIDE	1.14
9:51 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.86

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:15 AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Saturday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Sunday	6:17 AM	5:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	10:03 am	9:48 pm
Thursday	-	11:03 am	10:49 pm
Friday	-	11:58 am	11:48 pm
Saturday	-	12:48 pm	-
Sunday	12:45 am	1:35 pm	-

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	2, 3, 4
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4

SAIPAN-NANJING (NKG)

XP889	4:45pm	10:30pm	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 3, 4, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:00pm	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
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OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7

NANJING (NKG)-SAIPAN

XP888	9:35pm	4:00am+1	1, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

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GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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Business

Are all Russia ties now sinister, or are some just business?

MOSCOW (AP)—A shipping company partly owned by President Donald Trump's commerce secretary is one of the few in the world that can transport liquefied petroleum gas in cold and icy conditions. Russia is known for its brutal winters as well as its giant, state-controlled oil and gas producers.

So, for years, Wilbur Ross' company has been moving LPG for a Russian gas giant.

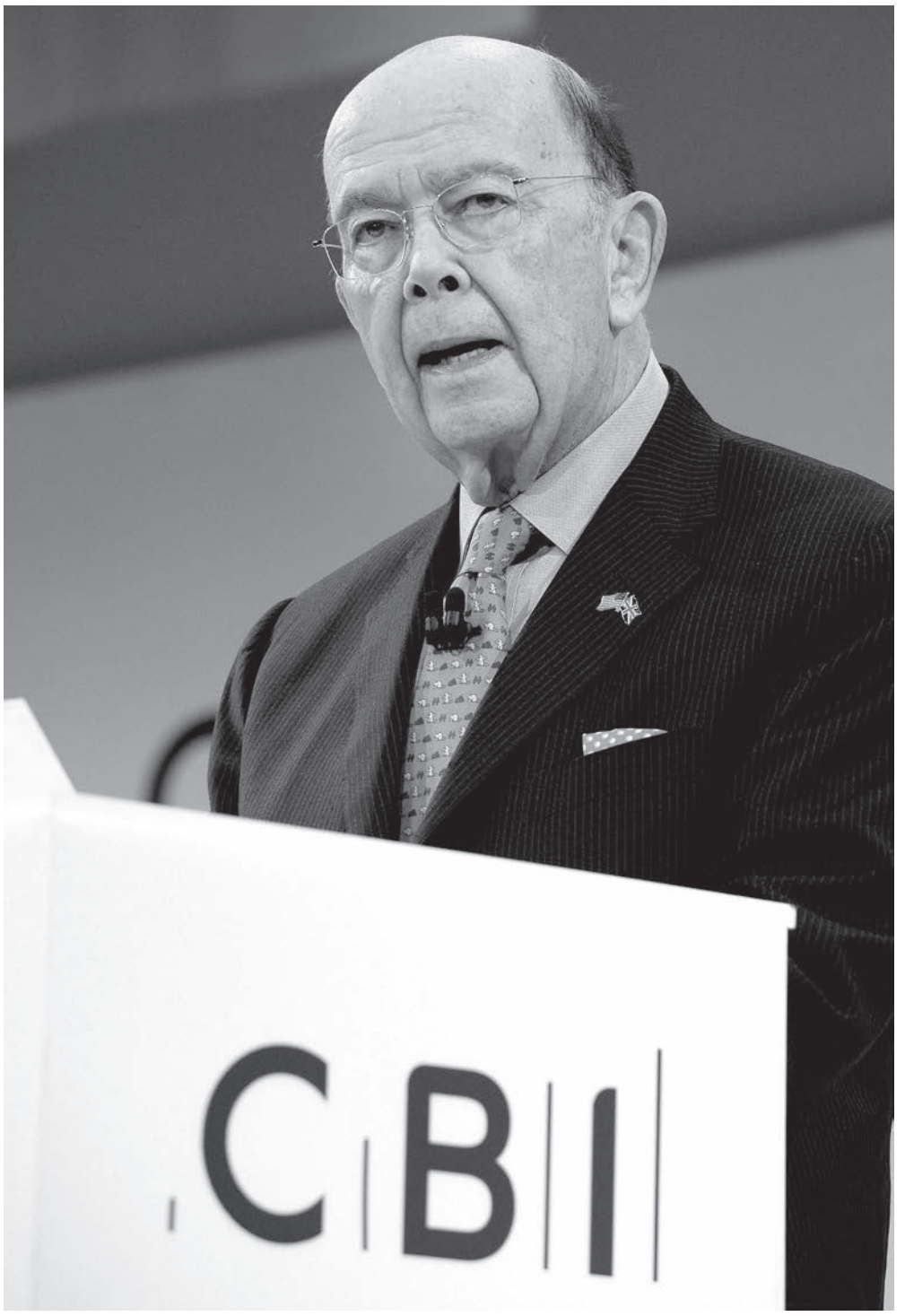
But now, in what might seem almost an echo of the Red Scare that lasted in America for generations, this business relationship is seen as tainted, an ominous connection to a country that unleashed cyberwar against American democracy and the 2016 election that put Trump in the White House.

Are all connections to Russia now suspect? Or are they sometimes merely an inconvenient consequence of doing business in a country where major corporations often are controlled by the Kremlin?

The latest tie between Russia, Trump and his campaign and administration officials came to light Sunday with news that the U.S. commerce secretary is a part owner of Navigator Holdings, a shipping company that transports LPG produced by Sibur, a big Russian company with ties to the Kremlin.

Some shipping business experts who follow the company are shrugging off the news.

"Russia has a lot of commodities that need to go somewhere else," said Benjamin J. Nolan, a financial analyst who covers Navigator for Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. He added, "Odds are, they are going to have long term contracts with Western shipping companies."



AP

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross speaks at the annual CBI conference in London, Monday Nov. 6, 2017.

The Russian government is a powerful factor in almost every part of the country's economy. Some of Russia's biggest banks, such as Sberbank and VTB are state-controlled, with their management answering directly or indirectly to the Kremlin.

Then there is Gazprom, a big gas supplier to Europe, and Rosneft, the oil producer. Both are majority state owned.

The new Russian giant in the spotlight, Sibur, has its own special connections to the state, and President Vladimir Putin in particular. It is partially owned by a man said to be Putin's son-in-law, and two of its biggest shareholders are oligarchs close to Putin. One of them is his old judo partner.

The details of Ross' stake in Navigator were found among 13.4 million leaked records on offshore entities used by the rich and powerful and famous. They are the biggest leak on the shadowy offshore financial system since the Panama Papers last year, and could shed more light on the byzantine ways companies and individuals hide their wealth or lower their taxes.

Following news of the leak, Ross has said in interviews that his ties to Russia are being blown out proportion. He told Britain's Sky network that his Navigator stake had been previously disclosed in financial documents filed with government ethics officials, and noted that Sibur is not under any U.S. sanction. For its part, Sibur has said that only a tiny percentage of shipping business goes to Navigator, less than 3 percent of "logistics expenses." It said that it is surprised by the "politically driven interpretation" in some media reports of its "ordinary business operations."

Trump himself also has faced scrutiny over his business ties to Russia. In prepared remarks to the Senate and House intelligence committees, Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, disclosed that the Trump Organization had been pursuing a business proposal in Russia during the presidential campaign. Cohen has said that the proposal for a Trump Tower Moscow never came to fruition and denied it had any impact on the campaign, saying it was "solely a real estate deal and nothing more."

Fed leadership overhaul widens under Trump

WASHINGTON (AP)—A revamping of the Federal Reserve's leadership is widening with the announcement Monday that William Dudley, president of the New York Fed and the No. 2 official on the Fed's key interest rate panel, will retire next year.

Just last week, President Donald Trump chose Fed board member Jerome Powell to replace Janet Yellen as Fed chair in February. The post of Fed vice chair remains vacant. So do two additional seats on the Fed's seven-member board. And a fourth seat may open as well next year.

The unusual pace of the turnover has given Trump the rare opportunity for a president to put his personal stamp on the makeup of the Fed, which operates as an independent agency. Investors are awaiting signals of how Trump's upcoming selections might alter the Fed's approach to interest rates and regulations.

Trump has made it known that he favors low interest rates. He has also called for a loosening of financial regulations. The Fed has played a key role in overseeing the tighter regulations that were enacted after the 2008 financial crisis, which nearly toppled the banking system.

The uncertainty surrounding the Fed's top policymakers has been heightened by the slow pace with which the Trump administration has moved to fill openings.

To date, the administration has placed one new person on the Fed board: Randal Quarles, a veteran of the private equity industry who is thought to favor looser regulations, was confirmed as the first vice chairman for supervision. That still left three vacancies on the Fed's board: Just as Quarles was joining the board last month, Stanley Fischer was stepping down as Fed vice chairman.

And Yellen herself could decide to leave the board when her term as chair ends on Feb. 3, even though her separate term on the board runs until 2024.

Dudley's announcement that he plans to retire by mid-2018 also creates an opening on the committee of board members and bank presidents who set interest rate policies. Dudley's position is particularly crucial: As head of the New York Fed, he is a permanent voting member of the Fed committee that sets interest rates.

The committee is composed of the board members and five of the 12 regional bank presidents. Unlike the New York Fed president, the other regional bank presidents vote on a rotating basis. The New York Fed president also serves as vice chairman of the rate-setting panel.

Some economists said that while financial markets have so far registered little concern about the number of key open Fed positions, that could change quickly, especially if investors begin to worry that the central bank will accelerate interest rate hikes.

Why debt from GOP tax cuts might impose a painful price

WASHINGTON (AP)—When House Republicans proposed their tax-cut plan last week, critics noted that it came with a towering price: It would swell the nation's debt by $1.5 trillion at a time when the economy is already faring well on its own and a vast generation of retiring baby boomers threatens to strain the Social Security and Medicare programs.

President Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress argue that their plan, which would shrink the corporate tax rate and end taxes for most wealthy estates, would accelerate economic growth. It would do so, they say, by leaving more after-tax money for businesses to invest and to increase pay for their employees, who would then spend more and help invigorate the economy.

Kevin Hassett, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, has contended that the proposal to cut the corporate tax rate to 20 percent from 35 percent could, by itself, enlarge the economy by up to $1.2 trillion over the long run and eventually add $4,000 a year to average household income. Those claims were promptly dismissed as wildly optimistic by Democrats and many economists.

Adding to the government's debts poses risks, too: More debt could drive interest rates up as the government competes with private borrowers for credit. It could also eventually require cuts to popular spending programs. And it might leave policymakers with less ammunition the next time a recession strikes.

For now, the American economy is already gliding along at a decent pace. Growth has come in at a solid annual rate of 3 percent or better in each of the past two quarters. Employers have added jobs for a record 85 straight months. Corporate profits are strong. And the unemployment rate is 4.1 percent, its lowest level in nearly 17 years.

All of which is why some analysts argue that big tax cuts aren't needed now—even if they would help stimulate the economy, which is far from sure. Instead, policymakers and lawmakers could be capitalizing on good times to take a whack at the government's surging debt—$14.8 trillion (or $20.5 trillion if you include including debts the government owes itself).

In a report last month, the International Monetary Fund concluded that many wealthy countries could afford to pare their deficits by raising taxes on the wealthiest without jeopardizing economic growth.

Nation

Texas church gunman sent hostile text messages before attack

AP
An officer guards the entrance where Devin Patrick Kelley lived Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, in New Braunfels, Texas.

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP)—The gunman who killed 26 people at a small-town Texas church had a history of domestic violence and sent threatening text messages to his mother-in-law, a member of First Baptist, before the attack in which he fired at least 450 rounds at helpless worshippers, authorities said Monday.

A day after the deadliest mass shooting in state history, the military acknowledged that it did not submit the shooter's criminal history to the FBI, as required by the Pentagon. If his past offenses had been properly shared, they would have prevented him from buying a gun.

Investigators also revealed that sheriff's deputies had responded to a domestic violence call in 2014 at Devin Patrick Kelley's home involving a girlfriend who became his second wife. Later that year, he was formally ousted from the Air Force for a 2012 assault on his ex-wife in which he choked her and struck her son hard enough to fracture his skull.

In the tiny town of Sutherland Springs, population 400, grieving townspeople were reeling from their losses. The dead ranged from 18 months to 77 years old and included multiple members of some families.

"Our church was not comprised of members or parishioners. We were a very close family," said the pastor's wife Sherri Pomeroy, who, like her husband, was out of town when the attack happened. "Now most of our church family is gone."

The couple's 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle Pomeroy, was among those killed.

Kelley's mother-in-law sometimes attended services there, but the sheriff said she was not at church on Sunday.

The massacre appeared to stem from a domestic situation and was not racially or religiously motivated, Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Director Freeman Martin said. He did not elaborate.

Based on evidence at the scene, investigators believe Kelley died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after he was chased by bystanders, one of whom was armed, and crashed his car.

The 26-year-old shooter also used his cellphone to tell his father he had been shot and did not think he would survive, authorities said.

While in the military, Kelley served in logistics readiness at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico from 2010 until his 2014 discharge, Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said.

He was discharged for the assault involving his previous wife and her child and had served a year of confinement after a court-martial. Under Pentagon rules, information about convictions of military personnel for crimes such as assault should be submitted to the FBI's Criminal Justice Investigation Services Division.

Stefanek said the service is launching a review of its handling of the case and taking a comprehensive look at its databases to ensure other cases have been reported correctly.

Violence followed Texas church gunman after high school

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP)—Wherever Devin Patrick Kelley went after graduating from high school, a trail of violence followed.

In New Mexico, Kelley was kicked out of the Air Force following a court-martial two years after he enlisted for abusing his wife and reportedly hitting her child hard enough to fracture his skull. In Colorado, he was charged with misdemeanor animal cruelty after someone saw him punch a dog several times. And in Texas, sheriff's deputies were called to his parents' house after his girlfriend told a friend he was abusing her.

Authorities say Kelley opened fire Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas, killing 26 people and wounding 20 others.

According to their investigation, Kelley entered the small church during worship services dressed in black tactical gear and carrying an assault rifle. He fired it as he walked down the center aisle, shooting people who had no way to escape.

Authorities have said the suspect's mother-in-law attended the church and she'd gotten threatening texts from him. Kelley's parents and other relatives did not return numerous messages from The Associated Press seeking comment. But according to military officials and authorities in three states, the 26-year-old Kelley had a history of threatening loved ones with violence.

A native of the San Antonio suburb of New Braunfels, Kelley graduated from high school in 2009, according to a district spokeswoman. He enlisted in the Air Force the following year and was assigned to Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, with the responsibility of moving passengers, cargo and personal property in military transportation. He got married for the first time in 2011.

But according to Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek, Kelley faced a court-martial in 2012 on allegations that he abused his wife and a child. According to court-martial documents the Air Force released Monday, Kelley was accused of choking his wife, pulling her hair and kicking her. He also hit the child on the head and body, according to the documents. The Air Force's former chief prosecutor, Don Christensen, told The New York Times that Kelley fractured the child's skull.

Texas church shootings
Devin Kelley, dressed in black tactical-style gear and armed with an assault rifle, opened fire inside the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, killing 26 people ranging in age from 18 months to 77 years old.
New Braunfels
35
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Sutherland Springs
San Antonio
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Austin
San Antonio
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Suspect
Devin Kelley
Age: 26
• Grew up in New Braunfels, about 35 miles north of Sutherland Springs.
• Kelley served in Logistics Readiness at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico from 2010 until his 2014 discharge.
• He received a bad conduct discharge from the Air Force for assaulting his spouse and child, and was sentenced to 12 months' confinement after a 2012 court-martial.
• Does appear to be linked to organized terrorist groups.
• Social media posts Kelley made in the days before the attack, included one that appeared to show an AR-15 semiautomatic weapon.
Source: AP, BBC
Graphic: Staff, TNS

Kelley also was accused of pointing a loaded firearm and an unloaded firearm at the woman, according to the court-martial documents, but he pleaded not guilty to those allegations and they were "withdrawn and dismissed with prejudice after arraignment."

Kelley was sentenced to 12 months of confinement and ultimately removed from the military with a bad-conduct discharge and a reduction of rank.

The Air Force acknowledged Monday that it didn't enter Kelley's criminal history into the federal database used to conduct background checks on citizens looking to purchase a firearm. Authorities recovered a Ruger AR-556 rifle at the church and two handguns from Kelley's vehicle. They say all three were purchased by Kelley.

His wife, Tessa Kelley, filed for divorce in 2012, the same year as the court-martial. In paperwork associated with the divorce, Tessa Kelley said she was working at Taco Bell for $7.50 an hour while Devin Kelley was in detention.

The divorce was finalized in October 2012.

Kelley's discharge was complete in 2014, Stefanek said. That February, sheriff's deputies arrived at his family's home in New Braunfels just after 10 p.m. one night to investigate a potential domestic violence case.

Citing a sheriff's office report, Comal County spokesman Paul Anthony said a friend of Kelley's girlfriend told authorities she received a text message from the girlfriend that indicated "her boyfriend was abusing her." The report identifies the girlfriend as Danielle Shields and says Shields reported that "her arms were red." It includes no additional details about what caused them to be red.

Relative: Pregnant woman, 3 children, in-laws slain in Texas

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP)—As usual, John Holcombe posted his Sunday school lesson online a day ahead. It was about an Old Testament miracle.

Holcombe was expecting a small miracle of his own. His wife, a widow and mother of five, was pregnant with their first child. But the following morning, his family would bear an unspeakable burden: nearly a third of the fatalities in Texas' worst mass shooting.

The massacre inside their church in the tiny Texas town of Sutherland Springs spared Holcombe's life, but not the lives of his wife, three of her children, his parents, a brother and a toddler niece.

They were among 26 people fatally shot during the shooting rampage Sunday that also killed several members of at least one other extended family, a couple visiting for the first time, the pastor's teenage daughter and other church goers. Investigators said the victims ranged in age from 18 months old to 77 years old. Hundreds of shell casings and 15 magazines that hold 30 rounds were found at the church, authorities said.

Holcombe and his 36-year-old wife, Crystal, had recently married, said Julius Kepper, who lives about two blocks from the church.

"She was starting her life all over again," he told The Associated Press. "That's a crying shame."

Holcombe suffered shrapnel wounds and Crystal's youngest child, Evelyn, was grazed by bullets but both were discharged from the hospital on Monday, Crystal's aunt, Michele Hill, told the AP. Crystal's eldest child, Phillip, had stayed home from church that day, Hill said. She added that Crystal was due in early April.

"They had actually just found out. They didn't think it was possible so this was just a miracle baby," Hill said.

Michael Ward rushed to the church after he was abruptly awoken by his wife, Leslie, when she heard a peal of gunfire from that direction as she set up a yard sale. Ward told The Dallas Morning News he found and carried out his 5-year-old nephew, Ryland, who had four gunshot wounds.

The boy was flown to University Hospital in nearby San Antonio, but the child's mother and two of his sisters were killed. On Monday, the yard sale was still set up, with clothes laid out or hung on plastic racks, along with kitchen items. No one was there.

Asia

Trump reviews military forces in S. Korea amid tensions

AP
President Donald Trump, left, and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, right, have lunch with U.S. and South Korean troops at Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017.

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea (AP)—Reviewing American military forces along the Korean peninsula, President Donald Trump dined with U.S. and South Korean soldiers on Tuesday at the start of a two-day visit centered on pressuring the north to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

Trump has repeatedly struck a hard line against Pyongyang and South Korea was warily watching Trump as he was poised to deliver bellicose warnings in the shadow of the North Korea. The president refused to rule out eventual military action against the north and exhorted dictator Kim Jong Un to stop weapons testing, calling the recent launches of missiles over American allies like Japan "a threat to the civilized world and international peace and stability."

"We will not stand for that," Trump said at a Monday news conference with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. "The era of strategic patience is over. Some people say my rhetoric is very strong but look what has happened with very weak rhetoric in the last 25 years."

Shortly after arriving in South Korea, Trump traveled by helicopter to Camp Humphreys, a military base about 40 miles south of Seoul, and sat with troops for lunch in a large mess hall. South Korea's President Moon Jae-in was also seated at the table. "Good food," Trump told reporters as he chatted with U.S. and Korean service members.

U.S. and South Korean officials have said the base visit was meant to underscore the countries' ties and South Korea's commitment to contributing to its own defense. Burden-sharing is a theme Trump has stressed ever since his presidential campaign.

But he was skipping the customary trip to the demilitarized zone separating north and south—a pilgrimage made by every U.S. president except one since Ronald Reagan as a demonstration of solidarity with the South. A senior administration recently dubbed the border trip as "a bit of a cliche" and several other members of the administration, including Vice President Mike Pence, have visited the DMZ this year. And the White House believes that Trump has already made his support of South Korea crystal clear.

Trump and Moon agree on the need to pressure the North with sanctions and other deterrence measures. But Trump has warned of unleashing "fire and fury," threatened to "totally destroy" the North, if necessary, and repeatedly insisted that all options are on the table. Moon, meanwhile, favors dialogue as the best strategy for defusing the nuclear tension and vehemently opposes a potential military clash that could cause enormous casualties in South Korea.

Trump backed up his strong words about North Korea by sending a budget request to Capitol Hill on Monday for $4 billion to support "additional efforts to detect, defeat, and defend against any North Korean use of ballistic missiles against the United States, its deployed forces, allies, or partners."

And as he departed for South Korea, he tweeted that Moon is "a fine gentleman," adding, "We will figure it all out!"

On a personal level, Trump and Moon have not developed the same close rapport as Trump has with Abe or even China's Xi Jinping. Part of Moon's mission during the visit will likely be to strengthen his personal ties with Trump, said Michael O'Hanlon, a senior fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution.

"Now poor President Moon is playing catch-up ball because everyone acknowledges that he's not bonding quite as much with Donald Trump as the rest of the region," said O'Hanlon. He said Moon could face pressure "to deliver a stronger relationship" whereas "in most other parts of the world, people are trying to keep their distance from Donald Trump."

Trump will spend Tuesday in meetings with Moon, hold a joint press conference and be feted at a state dinner.

Trade also is expected to be a major topic of discussion: Trump has considered pulling out of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, also known as KORUS, blaming it for the U.S.-South Korea trade deficit.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistani ex-premier appears in court on corruption charges

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has appeared along with his daughter and her husband before an anti-graft court in Islamabad to face a trial over corruption charges. The three are co-accused in three corruption cases stemming from documents leaked from a Panamanian law firm. During Tuesday's appearance before Judge Mohammad Bashir, Sharif and his family members will request that the three corruption cases against them be merged into one. Shortly before Sharif's arrival in court, Information Minister Maryam Aurangzeb said Sharif's hands were clean and he is not afraid to face the charges. The 67-year-old Sharif was dismissed from office by the Supreme Court in July for allegedly concealing assets abroad and other corruption allegations. He was indicted last month and has pleaded not guilty.

Hong Kong court grants activist Wong's prison appeal bid

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong's top court on Tuesday granted a bid by young democracy activist Joshua Wong to appeal his prison sentence. The surprise decision gives Wong and fellow activist Nathan Law one last chance to fight their prison terms for involvement in an unlawful assembly that sparked huge 2014 pro-democracy protests in the Chinese-controlled city. Wong is facing six months in prison and Law eight months if their appeals fail. They were bailed last month after serving two months so they could apply for an appeal, which the Court of Final Appeal approved. The court scheduled their appeal hearing for January.

New Australian government lawmaker under dual citizen cloud

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Another Australian politician has had his eligibility to sit in Parliament called into question due to a constitutional ban on dual citizens, while the prime minister proposed making all lawmakers prove they are not foreign nationals.

Ruling party lawmaker John Alexander would not comment Tuesday on media reports that he was seeking clarification from London on whether he had inherited British citizenship from his father.

"I understand he renounced his British citizenship before I was born because he was a proud Australian," Alexander said in a statement about his father, who died in 1987.

If Alexander proved to be a dual citizen he would become the seventh lawmaker to be forced from office since the High Court last month made a ruling to enforce a 116-year-old constitutional ban on foreign citizens sitting in Parliament. That has created an unprecedented political crisis that could threaten the majority of Prime Minister Malcom Turnbull's conservative coalition.

House of Representatives lawmakers found to be dual citizens must renounce their foreign citizenship and then win a by-election if they want to return to their seat. Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce, who was disqualified by the High Court last month over New Zealand citizenship he inherited from his New Zealand-born father, has chosen that route and will run in a Dec. 2 election.

Five senators who have lost their seats will usually be replaced by members of their own parties without a by-election so there is no change to the political balance of power.

Australia's ban on dual national lawmakers is rare if not unique in the world, and many argue it is outdated in a nation of immigrants where half the population was born overseas or has a foreign parent

Alexander, who has been in the House of Representatives since 2010, announced his father was born in Britain after Turnbull on Monday proposed making all lawmakers prove they are not dual citizens.

Australian-born lawmakers, such as Alexander and Joyce, would have to state where and when their parents were born, details that could reveal an inherited second nationality. Overseas-born lawmakers would provide records of how and when their foreign citizenship was renounced. The citizenship registry proposal needs the endorsement of Parliament.

Turnbull told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio on Tuesday that Alexander had told his government colleagues that he believes he is not a dual citizen.

Turnbull said his proposed demand for all lawmakers to prove their nationality could result in more by-elections that could impact his government's slim majority.

"I take it as a given that every Member of the House and the Senate as of today believes that they are eligible to sit in the House or the Senate," he said, after explaining that anyone who thought otherwise should resign.

Independent lawmaker Andrew Wilkie called on Alexander to prove that his father had renounced his British citizenship before Alexander was born on July 4, 1951. Australian citizenship has only existed since Jan. 1, 1949, giving Alexander's father less than three years to become solely Australian before his son was born.

"Given the furor over this, knowing that he has a British-born parent, it would've been wise of him to look into this and certainly to have looked into it well before the media challenged him on it yesterday," Wilkie said.

Calls for an audit of all lawmakers' citizenship intensified when a senior senator announced last week that he was resigning from his 350,000 Australian dollar ($270,000) a year job because he had inherited British citizenship from his father. Government ministers said he should have declared his dual citizenship much earlier.

Turnbull has previously resisted calls for added scrutiny of lawmakers' citizenship status. His critics say he fears losing more lawmakers because of his government's precarious control of Parliament.

World

Saudi barred Yemeni president from going home, officials say

CAIRO (AP)—Saudi Arabia has barred Yemen's president, along with his sons, ministers and military officials, from returning home for months, Yemeni officials tell The Associated Press, a sign of how much the leader-in-exile has been deeply weakened in a war fought in his name by the Saudi-led coalition against rebels in his country.

The officials said the ban was prompted by the bitter enmity between President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi and the United Arab Emirates, which is part of the coalition and has come to dominate southern Yemen, the portion of the country not under rebel control. Hadi and much of his government have been in the Saudi capital Riyadh for most of the war.

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—A helicopter carrying a high-ranking Saudi prince and other government officials crashed Sunday in the kingdom's south, reportedly killing all eight people aboard.

The Saudi Interior Ministry said early Monday that the crash happened in Saudi Arabia's Asir province as the official took part in a tour of local projects near Abha, some 160 kilometers (100 miles) from the border with Yemen. Saudi Arabia has been leading a military coalition against Yemen's Houthi rebels since March 2015.

Security officials gave no cause for the crash, but said a search of the wreckage was underway. In Yemen, Houthi officials offered no immediate comment on the crash, while the group's Al-Masirah satellite news channel reported only that the crash had occurred.

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Saudi Arabia and the UAE are the two main pillars of the coalition, which is ostensibly defending Hadi's government and is battling the Shiite rebels known as Houthis.

The coalition has waged an air campaign against the rebels since 2015, and the UAE has a strong military presence in southern Yemen—but the Houthis still control the north.

Saudi Arabia on Sunday intensified its blockade on Yemen on Sunday, closing down all traffic to Yemen's air and sea ports and closing land crossings. A UN agency warned ships to depart Houthi-controlled ports, and flights to the only functioning airports in southern Yemen were canceled. As night fell, prices of fuel hiked in Sanaa with some petrol stations closed and drivers queued to fill in their tanks fearing worsening fuel shortage.

AP
In this Aug. 25, 2017 file photo, boys stand on the rubble of a house destroyed by Saudi-led airstrikes in Sanaa, Yemen.

The coalition move came after the Houthis fired a missile toward Riyadh, their deepest strike into the kingdom.

Hadi's inability to get back to southern Yemen underscores the president's loss of authority—even in the south that is nominally under his administration.

Since Hadi last left Yemen in February, he has repeatedly sent written requests to Saudi King Salman asking to return. None was processed, said a Yemeni security commander.

In August, Hadi even went to Riyadh airport, planning to return to his temporary capital, Aden, in southern Yemen—but he was turned back from the airport, the commander said. Two other Yemeni officials confirmed Hadi, his sons and several ministers with him in Riyadh have been prevented from going to Yemen. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the situation.

Mattis faces questions from allies on Islamic State strategy

HELSINKI (AP)—As the Islamic State group loses its remaining strongholds in Iraq and Syria, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is facing a growing chorus of questions from NATO allies and partners about what the next steps will be in the region to preserve peace and ensure the militants don't rise again.

Heading into a week of meetings with Nordic countries and allies across Europe, Mattis must begin to articulate what has been a murky American policy on how the future of Syria unfolds.

Speaking to reporters traveling with him to Finland, Mattis said the main question from U.S. allies is: what comes next? And he said the key is to get the peace process on track.

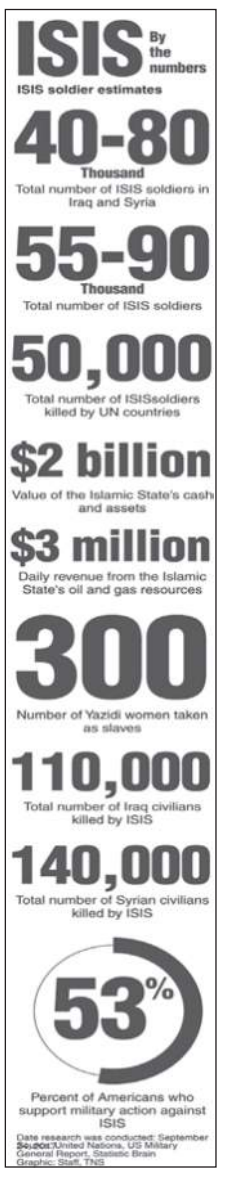
"We're trying to get this into the diplomatic mode so we can get things sorted out," said Mattis, who will meet with NATO defense ministers later this week. "and make certain (that) minorities -- whoever they are -- are not just subject to more of what we've seen" under Syrian President Bashar Assad until now.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson in late October repeated Washington's call for Assad to surrender control, looking past recent battlefield gains by his Russian-backed forces to insist that "the reign of the Assad family is coming to an end."

Tillerson made the comments after meeting with the U.N.'s envoy for Syria, Staffan de Mistura, who later announced plans to resume U.N.-mediated peace talks Nov. 28. It will be the eighth such round under his mediation in Geneva since early 2016.

Mattis said intelligence assessments two to three months ago made it clear that the Islamic State group was "going down." He said information based on the number of IS individuals taken prisoner and the number of fighters who were getting wounded or were deserting the group made it clear that "the whole bottom was dropping out."

But while he said the effort now is to get the diplomatic process shifted to Geneva and the United Nations, he offered few details that suggest the effort is moving forward.


ISIS By the numbers
ISIS soldier estimates
40-80 Thousand
Total number of ISIS soldiers in Iraq and Syria
55-90 Thousand
Total number of ISIS soldiers
50,000
Total number of ISISsoldiers killed by UN countries
$2 billion
Value of the Islamic State's cash and assets
$3 million
Daily revenue from the Islamic State's oil and gas resources
300
Number of Yazidi women taken as slaves
110,000
Total number of Iraq civilians killed by ISIS
140,000
Total number of Syrian civilians killed by ISIS
53%
Percent of Americans who support military action against ISIS
Date research was conducted: September
Sources: United Nations, US Military General Report, Statistic Brain
Graphic: Staff, TNS

In addition to the diplomatic efforts, Mattis said the U.S. is still working to resolve conflicts with Russia in the increasingly crowded skies over the Iraq and Syria border, where a lot of the fighting has shifted.

On Friday, Assad's military announced the capture of the eastern Syrian city of Deir el-Zour, while Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi proclaimed victory in retaking the town of Qaim on the border, the militants' last significant urban area in Iraq.

Focus has now turned to Boukamal, the last urban center for the militants in both Iraq and Syria where Syrian troops -backed by Russia and Iranian-supported militias—and U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces are vying for control of the strategic border town.

The proximity of forces in the area has raised concerns about potential clashes between them as they approach Boukamal from opposite sides of the Euphrates River, and now from across the border with Iraq.

Mattis said that as forces close in, the fighting is getting "much more complex," and there is a lot of effort on settling air space issues with the Russians.

He also declined to say whether the U.S. will begin to take back weapons provided to Syrian Kurdish fighters, known as the YPG. The U.S. has argued that the YPG has been the most effective fighting group in the battle to oust IS from Raqqa, but Turkey opposed the arming effort because it believes the YPG is linked to a militant group in Turkey.

The U.S. has pledged to carefully monitor the weapons, to insure that they don't make their way to the hands of insurgents in Turkey, known as the PKK. The U.S. also considers the PKK a terrorist organization, and has vowed it would never provide weapons to that group.

UK leader calls for end to 'abuses of power' amid sex allegations

LONDON (AP)—British Prime Minister Theresa May called Monday for greater effort to stamp out "abuses of power" in public life amid what she called troubling allegations of sexual harassment and abuse in U.K. politics.

May and leaders of the other parties in Parliament agreed to set up a grievance procedure for everybody working in Parliament, and to replace an existing complaints phone line with a face-to-face service.

"I think if this hasn't happened to you it's difficult to appreciate the impact that being a victim of this sort of behavior can have—it simply has a lasting impact on people," May said after meeting Labour Party chief Jeremy Corbyn and other party leaders.

"And we need to do more to stop these abuses of power."

Since revelations emerged about Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein, researchers, staff and journalists working in British politics have begun to come forward with allegations of sexual abuse and harassment by lawmakers and officials in Parliament. In several cases, they have accused political parties of failing to take action and even discouraging victims from going to police.

The claims have ranged from unwanted touching and suggestive emails to allegations of rape.

The scandal has already triggered the resignation of the country's defense secretary, an investigation of May's deputy and the suspension by their parties of several Conservative and Labour lawmakers.

Both May's Conservatives and the Labour opposition have set up new measures to deal with allegations of wrongdoing, but May has said she wants a cross-Parliament approach to provide consistency for all workers.

She said the fact that abuses "have taken place here at our seat of democracy should be a matter of shame for us all."

As allegations continue to emerge, Home Secretary Amber Rudd said Sunday the torrent of abuse revelations marked a "watershed moment" in British politics and could result in a "clear out" of offenders.

Focus

A Big Island farm stay: Off-the-grid adventure in Hawaii

By BRIAN J. CANTWELL
THE SEATTLE TIMES

PAHOA, Hawaii—Shortly after we'd settled into bed in our tiny cabin under the guava trees at remote I'olani Farm, I wondered if the coqui frogs crowding the woods around us would keep me awake. Their loud mating call, at roughly the same decibels as a lawnmower, sounded to me like "BO-PEEP, BO-PEEP."

The wakefulness question was soon rendered moot as the sky opened up with a rain that sounded like a platoon of Fred Astaires tap-dancing on the cabin's corrugated metal roof.

Just when we thought it couldn't get any more torrential, the rain let loose with a drowning, fire-hose kind of gushing, accented now and then by a guava dropping on our roof with a bazooka-like "KA-THUNK." My wife and I laughed — kind of nervously. The downpour was just beyond the bug screens that comprised our walls, and only the roof's wide eaves kept the storm from splashing in on us.

"Good grief!" I shouted to the weather gods.

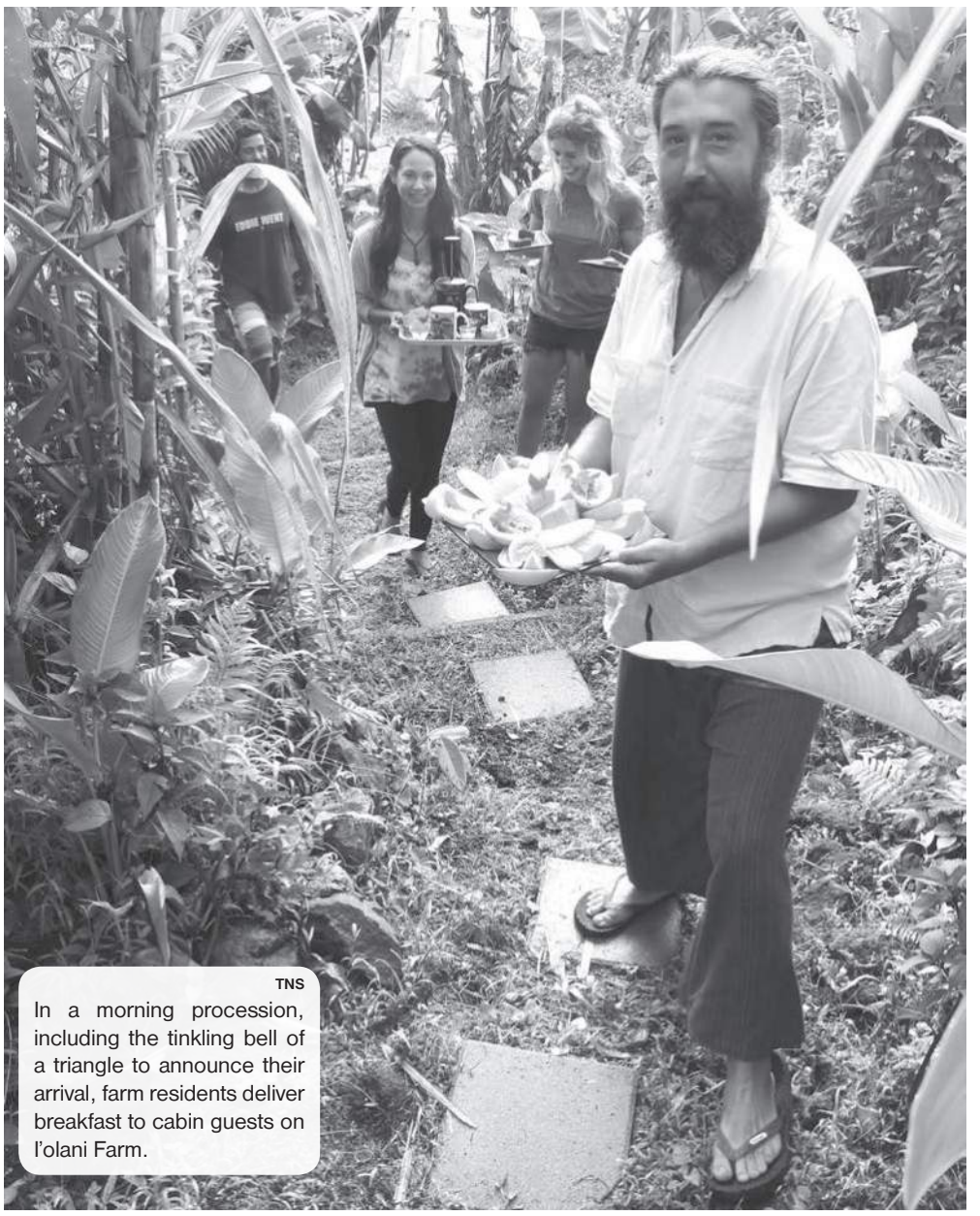
We were one with nature, as was our goal in spending a couple of nights at this off-the-grid organic fruit farm on the Kilauea volcano's lower slopes, a few miles outside of Pahoa and 45 minutes south of Hilo.

For the moment, we were just hoping that being united with nature wouldn't involve floating down the hill into the Pacific.

The big island of Hawaii has long been known as a place for adventure. With the arrival of evermore visitors and the continual widening of highways, adventure is more elusive than when we first visited in the 1980s and stayed with taro farmer Tom Araki in the secluded Waipio Valley, living by oil lamps and taking cold showers.

But we found adventure once again in 2017 — on Airbnb.

There we happened upon a listing for I'olani Farm (iolanifarmhawaii.com), the 3-year-old labor of love of John and Ariel Douvris. When John's family sold his late grandfather's home in San Francisco, the proceeds enabled them to buy 20 acres of former sugarcane farmland in the Puna District, where steam vents in the woods testify to the deeply brewing stews of red lava that occasionally break loose from uphill craters and cones and meander to the sea within a dozen miles or so along this coast.



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In a morning procession, including the tinkling bell of a triangle to announce their arrival, farm residents deliver breakfast to cabin guests on I'olani Farm.

After bulldozing a clearing among the old cane, vines and many trees that have grown up, the couple built a two-story house, a bathhouse with flush toilets and hot-water shower, and three one-room rental cabins ($59 a night when we stayed). They've also planted scores of tropical trees and fruit-bearing plants.

Electricity comes from solar panels. Water comes from catchment off the roofs, with a treatment system for drinking water. It's pure pioneering, 21st-century Hawaiian style.

We'd been advised that four-wheel drive wouldn't be a bad idea for navigating the farm's narrow, mile-long dirt, rock and mud-puddle driveway. But our rented Hyundai sedan did fine if we took it slowly and didn't pause in puddles.

We arrived amid a steady rain. Maui-born John, 34, outside working in his shirt sleeves, greeted us with a big umbrella as the rain sluiced off his long hair, curled up in a man-bun above his deeply tanned face. He launched into an energetic story of how they came to be here and what they've planted. A chef for 10 years, he previously worked in Switzerland, Australia, Maui, the Greek Islands, New Zealand, India and Thailand (where he met his wife, another American traveler).

For a chef, having a tropical farm where he can grow anything he likes is a dream, John professed, though all the things he manages "can make you a little insane at times," he added with a grin.

He showed us the facilities, including a shelf at the bathhouse where we could charge phones. Daytime charging is encouraged — solar, remember? — and we were surprised to see we had cell service; AT&T 4G is best, we were told.

Otherwise, there are no AC power plugs. The cabins come with solar fairy-lights and a rechargeable electric lantern. Looking for a low-tech vacation? Here's your unplugged paradise.

That combination of a chef host and a burgeoning tropical garden make I'olani Farm a dream for diners, too. Sign up for dinner (a screaming bargain at $25 a person) and breakfast (ditto, at $15) and you'll enjoy the garden's bounty — whatever is ripe and ready to eat. All dishes are vegetarian.

By candlelight on the screened lanai of the main house, with slack-key guitar music piped in via Pandora, John started us with a platter of salad with feathered slices of giant, tree-ripened avocado along with lettuce, carrot, radish, peppery nasturtium flowers and a scattering of sweet poha berries, like a miniature yellow tomato, native to Peru. It was all grown a few steps away.

The main dish was Pad Kee Mao noodles with Thai basil, mildly spiced (at our request) with green onion, and dressed with wingbeans (native to the Philippines), pumpkin flowers, Okinawa spinach, Thai pink egg tomatoes and macadamia nuts. Sides included chips of breadfruit ("ulu," to Hawaiians) fried in coconut oil, with a small bowl of green papaya salad flavored with Kafir lime. Dessert was warm-from-the-oven banana bread made from berry bananas, also grown on the farm.

If good food isn't nurturing enough, you can supplement that with private yoga or healing treatments that are Ariel's specialty.

But we were blissfully satisfied, and with the aid of a headlamp I'd packed from home, we trundled back along a path dimly marked by solar-powered lights to our jungle cabin, ducking beneath a pendulum of ripening bananas and past blooming heliconia flowers. The air was a heady, moisture-rich blend of aromas — of woodsy earth; of sweet, rotting guavas underfoot, all riotously oxygenated by rampant chlorophyll.

It turned out we slept well, awakened only occasionally by a guava bombardment.

The sun shone the next morning. After an amazing breakfast — astonishingly, we could eat again — of fresh fruit and local Ka'u coffee delivered to our cabin, I lugged a large "Let's Do This" orange bucket from Home Depot and helped to harvest grapefruit-sized avocados from big trees growing wild in John and Ariel's woods.

I had volunteered because I wanted to get a sense of life on the farm. I accompanied John and two farmworkers, Justina Meyer, 23, from Long Island, New York, and Adrian Joyiens, 35, from Arizona, who were trading their work for room and board (in this case, the "room" being a covered camping platform).

Adrian hooked up with I'olani through the WWOOF (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) organization, while Justina discovered the farm as a guest and just fell in love with the place.

"I respect everything they're doing here, I like the sustainability," she told me.

As we wandered up a muddy ravine on an old pig-hunting trail past jackfruit trees and freshly planted cacao saplings, John used an extendible painter's pole fitted with a clawlike scoop to reach high into avocado trees and bring the ripe fruit down to our buckets.

"This is like fishing!" John cried. "They call the avocado the 'fish of the forest.'"

We came upon a mud wallow used by wild pigs. Pigs are common on this part of the island, including big boars with intimidating tusks. A hollowed indentation in the mud drew our attention.

"You can see the size of the pig's belly," Adrian pointed out.

"Intense!" Justina sighed.

Adrian then pointed out scars on a nearby tree trunk. "Here you can see where one has freshly gouged it with its tusks!"

We returned to the farmhouse with two 5-gallon buckets and a knapsack stuffed with avocados, some to be consumed on the farm and some to be sold to nearby natural-food stores.

Whenever walking the farm with a visitor, John proudly names every plant passed. "Those are saba bananas, from the Philippines, and used like a potato for stews … Those are sapote trees, which bear a chocolate-looking persimmon, like chocolate pudding inside … That's a thousand-fingered banana, which makes about 1,000 tiny, basically unusable, bananas — but it's novel … "

He nurtures a mishmash of crops. In each cabin look for a numbered map of the farm that names more than 90 varieties of plants. It's far from being a monoculture operation.

"It's a lot more work but in the end it's a lot better for the whole circle of life," John said.

As we finally departed on the narrow and puddled drive, we'd driven a short ways when I noticed some globular, dark objects on the road ahead. Normally I'd have just kept driving.

But wait, were those avocados?

My wife jumped out and came back with three big fat ones that would have just been crushed beneath our wheels.

Mmm. Our view of nature's bounty had been reawakened. Pick up some chips? Maybe some salsa? This would be a luscious lunch.

IF YOU GO

More adventure lodging on the big island of Hawaii: Arnott's Famous Lodging and Adventures operates a Hilo lodge (with offerings ranging from camping to dormitories to private suites) and guided outings for budget travelers; arnottslodge.com.

■ Google "Airbnb Hawaii treehouses" and you'll be amazed at what comes up, such as the stunning multi-level Treehouse at Kilauea Volcano ($289/night, with hot tub in the branches), as well as treehouses on Maui and Oahu.

■ Rappel down a 120-foot private waterfall when you stay at the Inn at Kulaniapia, outside Hilo; waterfall.net.—Dragonfly Ranch Healing Arts Center treehouse-style bed-and-breakfast is in the Honaunau area, south of Kailua-Kona, with website testimonials from such guests as Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys; dragonflyranch.com.

■ Share your own favorite adventure lodging finds in Hawaii; click on comments below.

Good Housekeeping

These cool-season flowers will have you feeling Snaptastic

By NORMAN WINTER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

These new snapdragons aren't just fantastic they're simply Snaptastic, and they fill a void longed for in the market. Snaptastic a new series coming from Syngenta is considered medium in height reaching 14 to 16 inches.

Snapdragons are planted in the fall in much of the country so as you shop you'll most likely see these riotous colors tempting you. Snaptastic finds itself right in the middle of Montego one of the best dwarfs that reach 8 to 10 inches tall and Liberty Classic that hits 24 inches.

Each year I was thrilled to go to the California Pack Trials as it was called then and see an acre of snapdragons growing in the field next to Syngenta Flowers headquarters. It was a sight that would always deliver that Kodak moment. Even then it was apparent that breeding would be allowing a full range of heights.

The snapdragon is native to Europe and the Mediterranean and is known botanically as Antirrhinum majus. No matter where you live and whether you garden in the landscape or container there is a snapdragon season for you. In addition to staggering beauty in a range of colors, you will also find they are resistant to roving deer populations.

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Snaptastic snapdragons coming in fives rich colors and a mix.

So whether you will be doing a spring planting or one this fall, snapdragons are like pansies and prefer a fertile organic-rich soil in full sun for best bloom production. Incorporate 3 to 4 inches of organic matter tilling to a depth of 8 to 10 inches or use a prepared landscape mix.

While doing your soil preparation apply 2 pounds of a slow-release 12-6-6 or balanced fertilizer per 100 square feet of planting area. Many new fertilizers also have a fungicide incorporated that helps reduce some of the most prevalent diseases.

Set transplants into the garden at the recommended spacing for your variety. This would be 8 to 12 inches for Snaptastic. Apply a generous layer of mulch to keep soil temperatures moderate for the long growing season ahead. A little fertilizer every two to three weeks will keep them growing.

Snapdragons are more cold hardy than many realize. Once established in the landscape and hardened off they are quite capable of taking subfreezing temperatures. Even if record cold moves in they can be completely covered with pine straw for a few days with no problem.

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The Snaptastic Orange Flame snapdragon brings a fiery color to the cool season landscape.

Snaptastic is available in five vibrant colors, yellow, orange flame, red, magenta that looks fit for royalty and a luscious pink. These are also combined in a showy mix. You'll love Snaptastic as a pansy partner, grown with violas and flowering kale and cabbage. They are most dazzling when planted in mass in front of a backdrop of evergreen shrubs. Don't forget the opportunities to use with spring bulbs.

Snapdragons don't require much care, a little deadheading of spent blooms, watering during dry spells, a little water-soluble fertilizer, and mulching for winter protection. The incredible display of color is sure to bring you joy and make your neighbors green with envy.

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Snaptastic snapdragon like this magenta reach 14 to 18 inches in height.

Your November calendar of gardening chores

By JESSICA DAMIANO
NEWSDAY

November is a beautiful, crisp and fragrant month. It's time to reflect and give thanks, and also to clean, clear, protect and store. As we tuck the garden into bed for winter, here are 30 tips and final chores that need attending.

Note: It's illegal to apply fertilizer from Nov. 1 through April 1 in Suffolk. In Nassau, fertilizer is prohibited between Nov. 15 and April 1. As the ground cools and freezes, it is unable to absorb fertilizer, and the excess nitrogen runs off and leaches into groundwater, endangering our drinking water and public health. Check your area for similar laws.

1. For December blooms, place Christmas cactus in a dark spot at 55-60 degrees for 14 hours nightly and in bright light for 10 hours daily.

2. Cut the grass one last time — shorter than usual to 1 1/2 inches.

3. Winterize water gardens and cover koi ponds with netting.

4. Harvest winter squash after vines die back but before frost hits.

5. It's time to "fall back": Resume standard time at 2 a.m. by setting clocks back one hour.

6. Rodents and insects will be seeking shelter soon; fill cracks and gaps in foundations, crawl spaces and around windows and doors.

7. It's Election Day. "Elect" to adjust your pH for spring. Apply lime now if indicated by a soil test, then head for the polls.

8. If you plan to get a live Christmas tree, dig a hole now in a spot that will accommodate its mature size. Fill with leaves and cover with tarp until you're ready.

9. Check houseplants for spider mites and scale, and treat if you find any.

10. Arborvitaes and upright junipers tend to bow and break from ice damage; protect now with a loose twine wrapping.

11. Raise a flag to honor veterans for their service.

12. Dump soil from pots and planters onto the compost pile or into garden holes that need filling.

13. Clean and stock bird feeders and consider a de-icer for the birdbath.

14. Clear fallen leaves, fruit and berries from around roses, fruit trees, lilacs, etc., that showed signs of disease. Discard debris in the trash so it doesn't reinfect plants next year.

15. Cut asparagus all the way to the ground. Mulch with 2 inches of well-rotted manure.

16. Prepare a bed now so you can plant peas in March.

17. Inspect for viburnum leaf beetle egg cases after leaves drop. Remove affected twigs and branches.

18. Even if your landscaper insists, resist mulching until the ground is frozen.

19. As long as temperatures are above 40 degrees, spray broadleaf evergreens with an antidesiccant to protect from winter dehydration.

20. Rake up leaves — and go ahead, let the kids jump in them. Then rake again and add to the compost pile.

21. Hunt for beige blobs on tree trunks, under branches and patio furniture, pry them off with a sharp knife and throw them in the trash. They're gypsy moth egg masses.

Raking leaves is only one thing on a long list of November outdoor chores. TNS

22. Drain hoses and store all but one. You'll need it for watering evergreens and newly planted trees during dry winter spells.

23. Happy Thanksgiving! Work off your holiday dinner with a fig tree-wrapping session. (Get my detailed video instructions at newsday.com/gardening101.)

24. It's gutter-cleaning time. Do it now, before snow and ice come along.

25. Check deer fences for gaps and repair if necessary.

26. Turn over the vegetable patch to disrupt the life cycle of pests that are trying to settle in.

27. Dig up and store cannas, colocasias, dahlias, caladiums and gladioli after they've been blackened by frost.

28. Sow spinach seeds outdoors and mulch for an early spring harvest.

29. Deadhead flowering houseplants and trim brown foliage.

30. Dig and pot up chives and parsley, and grow indoors by a sunny kitchen window for winter use.

Life & Style

'Stranger Things' star Millie Bobby Brown on Eleven's evolution

By PATRICK RYAN
USA TODAY

Spoiler alert! Stop reading now if you don't want to know key plot points in Stranger Things 2.

The new season of Stranger Things is one of change for Eleven, who has a new haircut, a new adopted family and a new potty-mouthed vocabulary of slang words.

But if there's one constant for the heroine, it's her perpetual love of Eggo waffles, which she eats for breakfast daily and later steals from a gas station as she explores her bad side in nine new episodes (now streaming on Netflix).

More: 'Stranger Things' creators on Season 2's new terror, the value of growth spurts and the Netflix series' end game

Review: 'Stranger Things' Season 2 is a gripping (if familiar) tale

It's one of the many ways that Emmy nominee Millie Bobby Brown, the show's breakout star, is different from her supernatural character.

"I think the Eggos are just something that fans of the show like," says Brown, 13. "Eggos are an American thing and my British family is like, 'We don't know what that is.'

"I don't really care (about them)," she adds. "I'm just optimistic about the taste. I get positive vibes."

Eleven has anything but positive vibes in the darker new chapter of Stranger Things, which picks up as the telekinetic girl remains trapped inside the kooky alternate dimension known as the Upside Down. After managing to escape, she's taken in by local police chief Jim Hopper (David Harbour), who hides her in a remote cabin from government agents investigating the lab where she was subjected to terrifying experiments.

Series creators Matt and Ross Duffer wanted to separate Eleven from her nerdy buddiesso that she could go on her own journey this year.

More: Who is 'Stranger Things' newbie Max?

Brown

"We had a feeling that (Hopper and Eleven) would be really electric together," says Ross Duffer. "A lot of the success of Season 1 depended on her interactions with the boys." With them on their own adventures, Eleven's story line "was immediately exciting. It started to give the second season a different feel."

Frustrated after nearly a year sheltered indoors, Eleven lashes out at Hopper and runs away from home. She finds her long-lost biological mom (Aimee Mullins), rendered speechless by electroshock treatments after her daughter was forcefully taken from her as a toddler by scientists.

Jane -- Eleven's newly discovered birth name -- then travels to Chicago, where she meets her "sister," Eight (Linnea Berthelsen), who also has psychic abilities. Eight and her motley crew of punk vigilantes convince her to channel her anger, and use her powers to seek revenge on criminals, giving her a rock-chic makeover of slicked-back hair and dark eyeliner.

"That was a fun storyline, because she really didn't understand what they were doing to her," Brown says. "In Season 1, the interior of Eleven is badass, and then in the second, the exterior is, also."

Sony pulls premiere of Spacey movie

NEW YORK (AP)—Sony Pictures has pulled the film "All the Money in the World" from its AFI Fest premiere following the sexual misconduct allegations made against co-star Kevin Spacey.

In a statement Monday, Sony's TriStar Pictures said it was withdrawing the film from the Los Angeles festival because "it would be inappropriate to celebrate a gala at this difficult time." It had been slated to be the festival's closing night film on November 16.

Spacey

Directed by Ridley Scott, "All the Money in the World" is one of the fall movie season's more anticipated releases, with many expecting it to be a potential Oscar contender. In it, Spacey plays oil tycoon J. Paul Getty. When his 16-year-old grandson is kidnapped, Getty refuses to pay the ransom. The boy's mother (Michelle Williams) and Getty's adviser (Mark Wahlberg) work to recapture him.

TriStar said the film's December 22 release date remains unchanged, a decision that for now preserves the awards-season position of "All the Money in the World."

"A film is not the work of one person. There are over 800 other actors, writers, artists, craftspeople and crew who worked tirelessly and ethically on this film, some for years, including one of cinema's master directors," said TriStar. "It would be a gross injustice to punish all of them for the wrongdoings of one supporting actor in the film."

The AFI Fest said it supported Sony's decision to postpone the film's premiere "in order to ensure the thousands of people who worked together on this film are honored at a proper time and in a proper light." The festival made no announcement of a replacement film.

Netflix on Friday cut ties with Spacey, the star of its hit drama series "House of Cards." Production on its sixth season has been suspended indefinitely. The company also scuttled its Gore Vidal biopic, with Spacey starring as the author, even though it had just finished shooting.

"Star Trek" actor Anthony Rapp last week claimed that Spacey made sexual advances against him in 1986, when he was 14. In the days since, numerous others have also come forward to make various allegations of sexual harassment and assault against Spacey. London police are reportedly investigating Spacey for a 2008 sexual assault.

In Loving Memory of

SILVESTRE CEPEDA PALACIOS

Lovingly Known as "Bette Baliga"

Born on December 31, 1940, was called to his Eternal Home on October 30, 2017 at the age of 76.

In his new life, he now joins his:

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Mother: †Dolores M. Cepeda Palacios Borja
Stepfather: †Alfonso S. Borja
Sister: †Rufina B. Villagomez
†Angelica Borja
Son-in-law: †Antonio M. Borja
Brothers-in-law: †Ignacio C. Reyes
†Roke B. Salas
†Edward A. Villagomez

He will forever be remembered in the hearts of his:

Wife: **Augusta Hofschneider Palacios**
Children: **Annie P.** and John M. Rivera (Johanna and Jesse Guzman [Tristan, Saige, Rylee, Cadence, Ambree], Janice and Andrew Napoleon [Aejah, Aevry, Aevyn], Jaimie, Jade and John Hopp [Annie], Jasmine, Johnny), **Vivian P.** and Francisco D. Cabrera (Nakita and Joaquin Muna, Nicholas), Geraldine P. and Jose C. Mafnas (Jeannie and Congressman BJ Attao [Breya], Joelyn, Jose Silvestre (Esq.)), **Peter P.** and Bernadita C. Palacios (Regina [Matua, Ka'isa, Brandon], Reena and Bruce Blanton, Peter and Evitalyn [Tasa'ani, Solocia, Destiny and Olivia], Realynn and Blane), **Bernadine P.** and †Antonio M. Borja (Anthony and Shiela Sy [Travis, Calen, Summer], Kristine and Edward Borja, Dennis and Myrese Cruz), **Carleen P.** and Joseph M. Mendiola (Nikita Mendiola and Esteban Borja, Nicole, Noreen and Marton Conner [Hayden, Liam, and Lexi], Joseph, David), **Silvestre P. Jr.** and Rosita Palacios [Kayla, Porsha [Paige], Courtney and Aran Evangelista [Nolan], Regene and Trina Palacios, Augusta, Silvestre Jr., Ethan), **Porsha H. Palacios** [Paige], **Augusta H. Palacios**, **John** and Cora Mithnoy [John Jr. and Jessica]

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He will also be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, and friends.

Daily rosary is offered at 7 pm at San Jose Church, Tinian. Public viewing will be held at 9am to 12 pm at Borja's Funeral Home, Saipan on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Please join us in sharing final moments with our Father, on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 7:30 am at San Jose Church, Tinian. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11am followed by interment service at the San Jose Village Cemetary, Tinian.

Thank You - Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Augusta H. Palacios, Children, and Family

A new spectator sport for the TV superfan: 'binge racing'

NEW YORK (AP)—For a special breed of TV superfans, this isn't streaming. This is a gusher.

Behold the spectator sport known as "binge racing," defined as plowing through a streaming-network series' full season in less than 24 hours after the release of those episodes.

Sure, any viewer may speak of bingeing on a chosen show, by which they may mean watching several episodes in two or three sittings. That's not this! Binge racing is an extreme sport, a test of eyeball stamina and derriere endurance, and a testament to ultimate devotion. It also confers bragging rights for those who manage to complete this marathon.

Netflix, which from its start defied TV's age-old practice of parsing out episodes week after week by, instead, making all of them available at once, has taken special notice of the binge-racing trend among its subscribers.

"We've seen it increasing year after year," says Brian Wright, Netflix's vice president of Original Series. "I equate it to wanting to be the first to see a new 'Star Wars' film or lining up to get the latest Harry Potter book."

Where did the term come from?

"We wanted language for that superfan who watched it all in one sitting," he says, "and 'binge racing' was bubbling up on social media. It was an organic thing."

During the same period when the total number of memberships doubled, the number of same-day binge racers went from 200,000 in 2013 to more than 5 million so far this year.

While most binge racers only take the challenge occasionally—when a certain special series demands a single big gulp—one U.S. viewer has binge-raced 36 times so far this year, Netflix says.

According to Netflix numbers-crunchers, West Virginia can boast the nation's highest number of binge racers, as computed by the percentage of binge racers among the state's total Netflix subscribers. Right behind are Michigan, Maryland, Delaware and Indiana. (Sorry, Alaska and Hawaii—you come in last.)

Globally, the United States is the binge-racing runner-up to world champ Canada, with Denmark, Finland and Norway rounding out the International Top Five. (Similarly, these figures are computed by the percentage of binge racers among each country's number of customers.)

Wright hastens to say no judgments are tied to Netflix's data.

The numbers "speak to a certain level of excitement around certain titles, and they also speak to consumer control—people can design their own viewing experience," he says. "Binge racing reflects a certain kind of fervor and love. But someone who takes his time to watch the episodes isn't any less of a fan."

So what are the Netflix program rankings for binge racing nationally? "Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life" holds the top spot, followed by "Fuller House," ''The Ranch," ''Marvel's The Defenders," ''The Seven Deadly Sins," ''Trailer Park Boys," ''Santa Clarita Diet," ''F is for Family," ''Orange is the New Black" and "Stranger Things." (Netflix notes that this ranking has no relation to overall viewership, which it doesn't divulge.)

HARVARD AWARD

Musician Elton John holds up the 2017 Harvard Humanitarian of the Year Award after being presented with the award Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, during ceremonies at Harvard University, in Cambridge, Mass. Elton John was recognized during the ceremonies for his work in combating HIV/AIDS around the world. AP

Judge ignores recommendation, sends Meek Mill to prison

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Rapper Meek Mill was sentenced to two to four years in prison on probation violations Monday by a Philadelphia judge who said the musician had wasted several chances to clean up his act following a 2009 gun and drug case.

The sentence rounded out a roughly decade-long back and forth between the 30-year-old musician and Common Pleas Judge Genece Brinkley that has dogged Mill's career as he had been jailed and called to court multiple times on various infractions.

"I've been trying to help you since 2009," Brinkley said, citing a failed drug test, failure to comply with a court order restricting his travel and two other unrelated arrests. "You basically thumbed your nose at me."

The handing down of the sentence came after a prosecutor recommended that Mill not be imprisoned for the violations, saying that he has been clean since January and that he has grown as a person since his original crime. Brinkley said the prosecutor was too new to the case to understand how Mill just "does what he wants."

Mill

Mill owned up to the violations in his only statement during the hearing and said that jailing him would likely end his musical career. He said that he has battled addiction to the prescription painkiller Percocet and that he has only tried to escape a life of crime.

"I may have made a mistake but I never had the intention of disrespecting you," he said.

His lawyer, Brian McMonagle, restated the prosecutor's recommendation of no prison sentence back to the judge as Mill emptied his pockets and removed jewelry from his wrists. With a court officer looming behind him, Mill turned his head and looked backed in the direction of his mother before standing up and being led out of the room by the officer.

McMonagle vowed to appeal the decision as more than a dozen friends and family members stormed out of the courtroom.

Mill has served short stints in jail and home confinement following his conviction on gun and drug possession charges that could have resulted in a five to 10 year prison sentence. He also was recently arrested two times—once in St. Louis for a fight in an airport where serious charges against him were later dropped and the other for reckless driving in New York City.

Kelsea Ballerini might be country's next star

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country singer Kelsea Ballerini got the text of a lifetime recently.

"The other day I got a text from a mutual friend that said, 'Are you in Nashville? Reba wants to grab a drink,'" Ballerini recalled.

That was, of course, the one and only Reba McEntire, one of country music's reigning queens.

"I was like, 'Yeah, yeah, yeah!'" Ballerini said excitedly.

The singers, both nominated for female vocalist of the year at Wednesday's Country Music Association Awards, will perform a duet of Ballerini's new song, "Legends," at the show in Nashville, Tennessee.

"I am so glad (Reba) did reach out to do that because we didn't even talk about music. We just hung out and got to know each other," said Ballerini.

The meet-up proves that in a couple short years the 24-year-old Ballerini has proven her place among country music's biggest stars. Her 2015 debut album had multiple radio hits and earned her awards. She was even nominated for best new artist at this year's Grammys. And performing rights organization ASCAP will give her the Vanguard Award on Monday.

Ballerini is on the verge of another big year with her sophomore record, "Unapologetically," released last week. It tells a smart and catchy story of the Knoxville native who moved to Nashville at 15, stayed true to her identity and found love. She structured the album into chapters of her life, starting off a little dark and ending on a high note.

"It was like fitting a puzzle together," Ballerini said. "I want people to listen to it and without looking at the credits, know that I wrote every song."

Fox cancels airing of ad saying Trump should be impeached

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox News Channel says it won't air any more ads from a wealthy Democratic donor advocating President Donald Trump's impeachment due its viewers' strong negative reaction.

One negative reaction was from Trump himself, who tweeted that donor Tom Steyer was "wacky and totally unhinged."

Steyer, a billionaire hedge fund operator, calls on television viewers to sign a petition urging Trump's impeachment. His lawyer, Brad Deutsch, said Monday that 1.5 million people had signed the petition.

"People in Congress and his own administration know that this president is a clear and present danger, who's mentally unstable and armed with nuclear weapons, and they do nothing," Steyer said in the ad, which has also aired on CNN and other stations.

Three times on the morning of Oct. 27, the ad aired during "Fox & Friends," the morning show popular with Trump and his fans.

Trump tweeted about "Wacky and Totally Unhinged Tom Steyer, who has been fighting me and my Make America Great Again agenda."

Steyer had bought seven more ads for the following week on Fox News, Deutsch said, but the company called and canceled them.

"Due to the strong negative reaction to their ad by our viewers, we could not in good conscience take their money," said Jack Abernethy, co-president of Fox News.

Deutsch noted that the ad had aired on other stations owned by Fox News' parent company, even during the World Series. He said Steyer believes that Fox succumbed to pressure from the White House to scuttle the ad.

"Fox News is admitting that they don't provide their viewers with information if the information upsets their audience," he said. "Are they making the same decisions with respect to the news?"

Fox had no additional comment on the ad's cancellation.

Family to get $4.8M in crash involving 'Melrose' actress

SOMERVILLE, N.J. (AP)—The family of a woman killed in a 2010 crash involving a "Melrose Place" actress will receive a $4.8 million settlement.

NJ.com reports most of the money will come from the hosts of a party where actress Amy Locane-Bovenizer was drinking before the crash.

Rachel and Carlos Sagebien agreed to pay $3.3 million through their insurance company to the family of Helene Seeman. Locane-Bovenizer and her estranged husband will pay $1.5 million.

The actress served about 2½ years in prison after being convicted of vehicular manslaughter and other charges.

In a resentencing hearing, a judge said he erred by imposing too light a sentence, but declined to send Locane-Bovenizer back to prison. The state has appealed that decision.

The Montgomery Township crash also injured Seeman's husband, Fred.

McGowan memoir 'Brave' coming

McGowan

NEW YORK (AP)—Rose McGowan's publisher has set a January release for her memoir "Brave," a month ahead of its original on-sale date.

The actress has accused Harvey Weinstein of raping her and has been a leading advocate for women confronting sexual assault and harassment. She began working on the book well before last month's revelations about Weinstein and before dozens of women accused him of rape or harassment. HarperOne announced Monday that it will publish "Brave" on Jan. 28 instead of the original planned release of Feb. 28.

McGowan's acting credits include "Scream" and the TV series "Charmed." McGowan said in a statement her book will take on Hollywood, "the biggest cult of it," and how she fought her way out of it.

'The Simpsons' vow to help Puerto Rico in online video

NEW YORK (AP)—Still recovering from Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico is getting a helping hand from an unlikely source—Moe from "The Simpsons."

The bartender from the animated comedy is seen fundraising in a new YouTube video after getting a warm message by San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz.

Moe forces barfly Barney to finally pay his tab—a healthy $25,000—and promises to send it to UNICEF, One America Appeal and Save the Children.

Moe also gets in a dig at President Donald Trump, who tossed paper towels when he visited the island. "I personally know what it feels like when someone comes and throws paper towels at you," Moe says. "In my case it was flaming toilet paper, but the principle is the same: It is humiliating."

Television Academy expels Harvey Weinstein for life

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The organization that bestows the Emmy Awards has voted to expel Harvey Weinstein in the wake of numerous allegations of sexual harassment and abuse against the producer.

The Television Academy says its leadership voted Monday to ban the producer for life. Weinstein is primarily known as a film producer but his former company is also responsible for hit television series such as "Project Runway."

Weimstein

The expulsion is the latest honor Weinstein has lost. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and producers guild have also revoked Weinstein's membership.

His representative Sallie Hofmeister did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

The Television Academy says it is also speeding up a review of its code of conduct for members, and wants to provide clear protocols for workplace decency and respect.

Manuscript of man who fatally shot Oswald up for auction

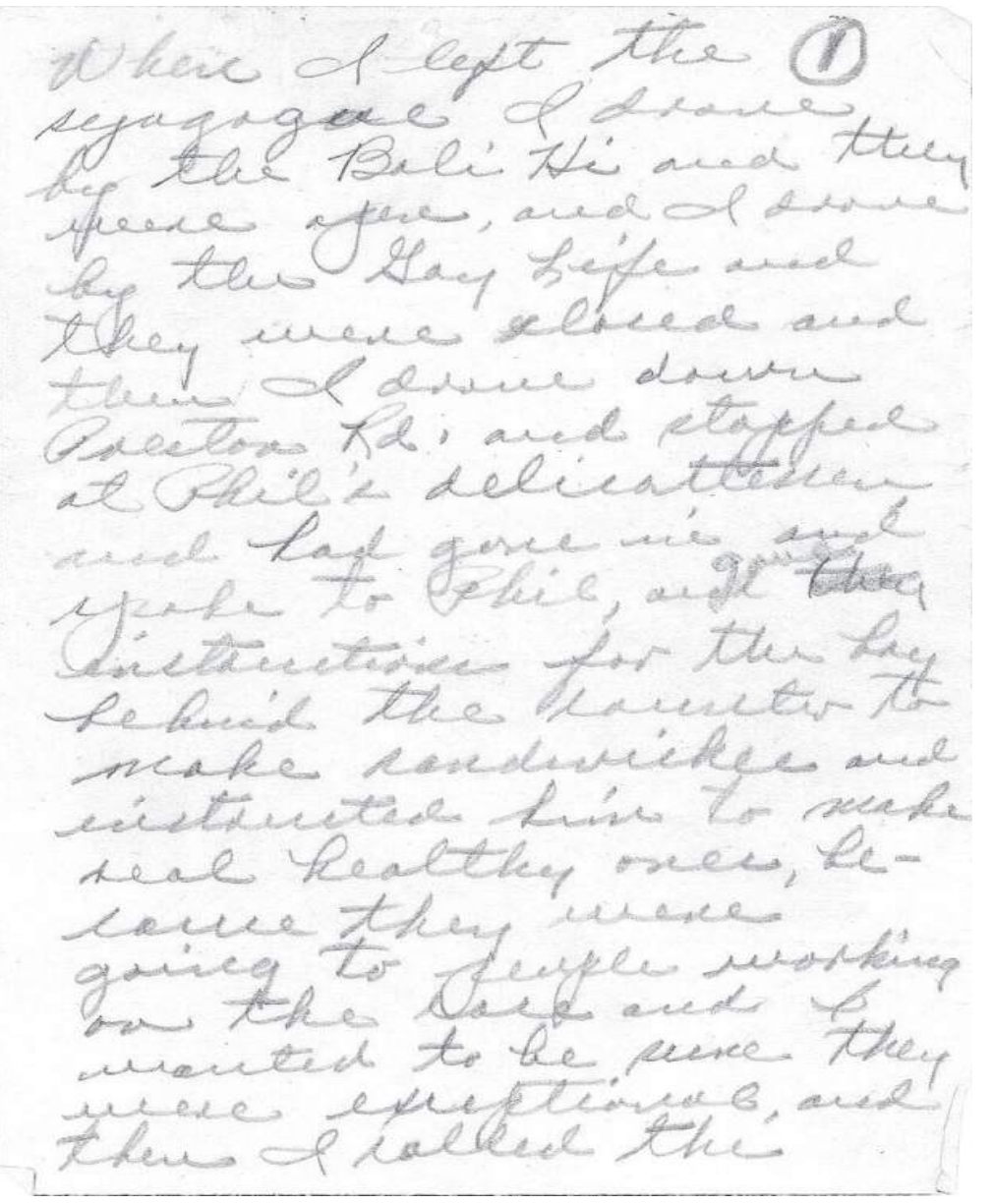
BOSTON (AP)—A manuscript penned by the man who shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is up for auction.

Boston-based RR Auction says the 24-page manuscript set to be auctioned Wednesday was written by Jack Ruby while in prison. It details his actions after Oswald assassinated Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, and before Oswald was shot in police custody two days later.

Ruby wrote the manuscript after being convicted of murder. Ruby's family says it was to be used by Ruby's defense if he had been granted a new trial to show the killing wasn't premeditated.

Ruby's conviction was later overturned. He died while waiting for a new trial.

Also up for auction Wednesday is a medallion worn by Kennedy at Harvard University.



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This undated photo provided by RR Auction shows part of a manuscript penned by Jack Ruby, who shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The manuscript is up for auction Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017. A medallion worn by Kennedy at Harvard University is also up for auction.

Divorced mom mulls overruling dad on daughter's social life

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband and I have been divorced for three years and share custody of our 10-year-old daughter, who lives with me full time. Her father lives out of state and sees her during the summer months.

Last year my daughter had an incident (an "I'll show you mine, you show me yours" kind of thing) with a friend at school, and my ex and I decided they should no longer hang out after school alone anymore. A year has gone by, and because they're in the same social circle at school, my ex is refusing to allow her to go to any events this friend attends (birthdays, sleepovers), even though there is always adult supervision.

It makes me sad to see her miss out, and I understand that the incident is normal for kids that age. What can I do? Since she does not live with him, can I overrule?

I'LL SHOW YOU MINE

DEAR I'LL SHOW YOU MINE: I'm sorry your ex-husband doesn't understand that sexual curiosity in children is normal, because it appears he has overreacted. You cannot dictate the rules in his household. However, while your daughter is living with you during the winter months, he cannot overrule your parenting decisions either.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 43-year-old woman who is trying to win back my high school sweetheart. He contacted me through Facebook seven years ago, and we've been talking off and on ever since.

I have never gotten over him, but he has had two bad past relationships and says he isn't ready for another one at this time. What can I do to let him know I haven't gotten over him since high school and that I'd love to try again?

Our relationship ended because my parents thought I was too young to have a boyfriend. I was 15 and he was 17. He says he would love to try again "one day"—just not now. What are some things I could do to let him know, "Hey, I'm still here, and I want a second chance" without scaring him away?

HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART IN FLORIDA

DEAR SWEETHEART: He KNOWS you are "still here" and want a second chance. Because he still isn't ready to give a romance with you another try, face it—the status quo could last indefinitely. You have devoted seven precious years to trying to sway him. It's time for you to move on. How he reacts as you begin to disengage will let you know if you have made the right decision.

DEAR ABBY: Since the last presidential election our oldest son has stopped communicating with us. He would text us, but his texts were so disrespectful and hurtful we had to block him from our phones. He's a grown man and we love him. What should we do?

DISAPPOINTED PARENTS

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR PARENTS: The last presidential election has proved to be so divisive that it has ended friendships and caused rifts in some families. Blocking your son from your phones was a mistake. It would have been better to have just told him you would prefer not to discuss politics via text messages.

Until both sides can start listening respectfully to each other, healing and understanding will not happen. Unblock your phone and let your son know that he hurt your feelings, which is why you did it.

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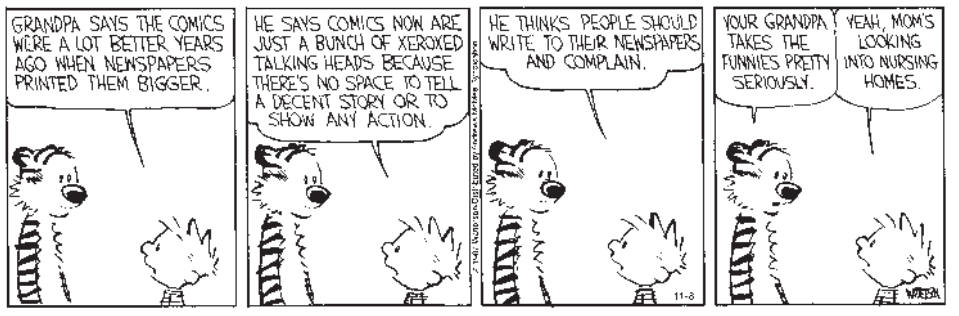
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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HE THINKS PEOPLE SHOULD WRITE TO THEIR NEWSPAPERS AND COMPLAIN.
YOUR GRANDPA TAKES THE FUNNIES PRETTY SERIOUSLY.
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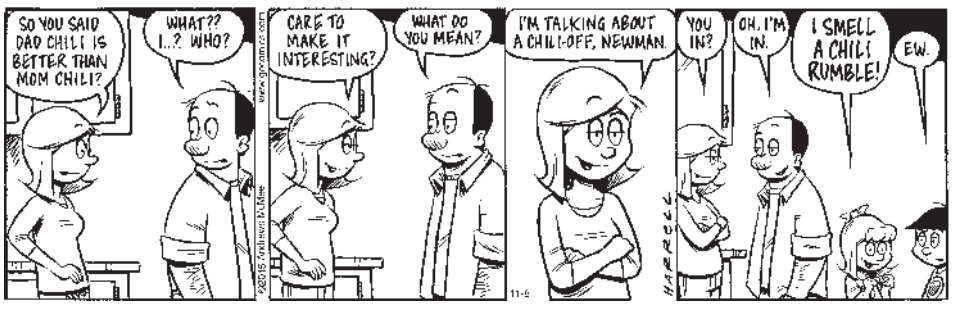
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YOU IN?
OH, I'M IN.
I SMELL A CHILI RUMBLE!
EW.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Yacht spot
4 Dol. fractions
7 "Phooey!"
8 Together (with)
10 Taxpayer's dread
11 Cowboy's rope
13 Dismissal notice
16 TV Tarzan Ron
17 Suppress
18 Zodiac feline
19 Sand formation
20 Authoritative order
21 Stable mothers
23 Put into law
25 Leprechauns' dances
26 Spill the beans
27 Hydrocarbon suffix
28 Diner workers
30 Upscale auto
33 1986 Gregory Hines film
36 Cheap smoke
37 Radiates
38 Actor Keach
39 1492 vessel
40 Before
41 "For shame!"

DOWN

1 "Sorry to say ..."
2 Composer Satie
3 It's nothing new
4 Applauds
5 Sacred scroll
6 Use scissors
7 Two-way
8 Aquarium growth
9 Erse
10 Shock partner
12 Pick up the tab
14 Convent dwellers
15 Drunkard
19 ER workers
20 "Terrif!"
21 Less
22 Reps
23 BPOE members
24 Beginning to develop
25 Pickle holder
26 One over par
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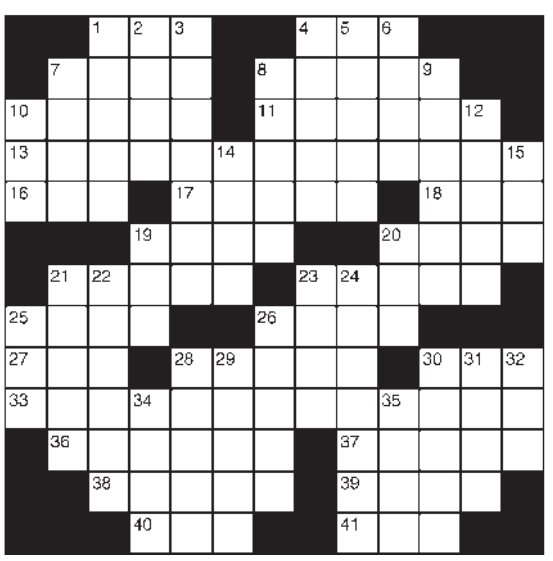

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jack Osbourne, 32; Parker Posey, 49; Courtney Thorne-Smith, 50; Bonnie Raitt, 68.

Happy Birthday: Educational pursuits and using your physical skills to help you advance will pay off. Set the stage for what you want to see transpire. Lay down your plans and take one step at a time to ensure you reach your goal. Opportunities will be plentiful and relationships will play a role in helping you achieve whatever you set out to do. Your numbers are 8, 14, 25, 31, 34, 43, 47.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Give everything you've got to gaining experience that will help you position yourself well for future prospects. Don't get angry if someone is acting like a jerk. Take care of your responsibilities and move onward and upward without hesitation. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* You can make changes to your residence that will make your life easier. Sharing responsibility with someone else will improve your relationships and standard of living. Use your ingenuity to come up with unique solutions. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Do your own thing and don't worry about what others do. Keeping up with your responsibilities should be your prime concern. Truth may be in short supply regarding a job someone wants you to do. Ask questions before you commit. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Don't push others to get involved in your battles or challenges. Take control and you will get things done in a shorter period than you expected. Once you are finished, plan to celebrate your success with someone special. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Subdue your emotions when dealing with work-related matters. Showing any sign of inconsistency or letting personal matters cloud the way you do your job will come back to haunt you. Stay intent on doing your best and getting ahead. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Reconnect with someone you used to enjoy being around and doing things with. A reunion will give way to new opportunities with old friends. Conversations will lead to travel plans or changes to the way you live. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let anyone push you into something you are not ready for. Speak up and make what you want known to anyone who may be pressuring you to change your ways. A job opportunity looks inviting and should be considered. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Travel, communication and furthering your education will play into your overall success. A change in the way you live or who you live with is favored. The power of persuasion will work well for you. Romance and personal gains are highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Take care of administrative matters in your own unique way. A settlement, contract or investment will pay off. Don't go on a shopping spree before you have the cash in hand. Moderation is required. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Your ability to be patient and charming will put you in a good position to negotiate professional gains. A unique platform to present what you want to accomplish should be considered. It's OK to be different. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Lean on someone who has a better handle on a situation that crops up. Dealing with a colleague or relative will leave you emotionally drained and searching for answers. Be fair but firm when dealing with such matters. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Take charge. Don't debate others if you don't have to. Let your actions be your calling card and your intuition guide you in financial, medical and legal matters. The stars are aligned, so don't waste time procrastinating or arguing. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are imaginative, protective and compassionate. You are charming and secretive.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/08

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

BLUE ZONES OF THE WORLD Solution: 9 letters

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Lions roar as QB Stafford dissects Packers

AP
Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford calls a play during the second half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, in Green Bay, Wis.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—Matthew Stafford put on a quarterback clinic for the Detroit Lions at Lambeau Field.

Aaron Rodgers could only watch from the sideline.

Stafford passed for 361 yards and two touchdowns to Marvin Jones, and the Lions snapped a three-game losing streak with a 30-17 win on Monday night over the offensively challenged Green Bay Packers.

"Matt (made) some great throws ... I just did what I love to do—go out there and get them," Jones said.

Stafford was 26 of 33, including 12 of 14 in the first half with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Jones. Ameer Abdullah added a 4-yard touchdown run for Detroit (4-4).

Green Bay (4-4) finally got in the end zone on Brett Hundley's 1-yard quarterback sneak with 9:52 left.

The Lions answered with Stafford's 11-yard touchdown pass to Jones with 8:06 remaining, putting the game out of reach with a 17-point lead. Jones had seven catches for 107 yards.

The Packers have lost three straight games. Their once-potent offense has struggled since Rodgers broke his right collarbone on Oct. 15 at Minnesota.

Hundley finished 26 of 38 for 245 yards. Cornerback Darius Slay blanketed Jordy Nelson when the Packers did try to throw long while the game was still competitive.

"With this one obviously it doesn't get a whole lot better than this. We played well," Lions coach Jim Caldwell said.

Abdullah fumbled the ball away in the third quarter, but the Packers went three-and-out on the ensuing drive. Familiar problems in the red zone popped up for the Lions when they were stopped on three plays at the Packers 1, forced to settle for a field goal for a 17-point lead with 12:25 left.

But without Rodgers, the Packers couldn't keep up with the accurate, rocket-armed Stafford.

"I believe in Brett, that's not just a press conference statement," coach Mike McCarthy said about Hundley.

The Lions were 8 of 13 on third-down conversions, with Stafford burning the Packers with clutch throws. The Packers were just 2 of 9 on third downs and failed to convert both of their fourth-down chances.

"They controlled the third-down battle tonight," McCarthy said. "We have work to do. That's the fact of the matter and we have to do it fast."

The Lions' opening score was set up by an unnecessary roughness penalty on Mike Daniels, after the defensive lineman appeared to head-butt Detroit center Travis Swanson. The flag negated an incompletion on third-and-15 that would have forced the Lions to punt from their own 25. Stafford connected with Jones for the touchdown pass five plays later.

The first scoring strike to Jones was the 200th touchdown pass in 117 career games for Stafford, the sixth-quickest in NFL history to reach the milestone. Stafford, who turns 30 in February, is also fourth in NFL history for career touchdown passes before age 30 behind Dan Marino, Peyton Manning and Brett Favre.

Texans have discussed signing Kaepernick

Houston Texans coach Bill O'Brien says he and general manager Rick Smith have discussed signing Colin Kaepernick in the wake of last week's season-ending injury to Deshaun Watson.

When asked about Kaepernick on Monday, a day after Tom Savage struggled in a 20-14 loss to the Colts, O'Brien said: "We talk about the roster and what's out there every day Rick and I."

O'Brien was then pressed on whether they have specifically discussed about adding Kaepernick.

"Oh yeah, everybody gets discussed," he said. "Is that a problem? Isn't that the way most teams do it. People seem shocked by that."

Kaepernick, the former 49ers quarterback, began the national anthem protest movement by kneeling last season. He remains unsigned and has filed a complaint that team owners colluded against him because of the protests, which are aimed at police brutality against African-Americans and other social justice issues.

O'Brien was pressed several times Monday about whether the Texans would sign Kaepernick if it were his decision. He avoided answering the question directly, saying that his job is simply to "coach the football team."

After that he was asked if he believes signing Kaepernick would make that job easier.

"Uh, that's an interesting question," he said before pausing for a couple of seconds. "I would tell you that I like the guys that we have and we're going to continue to coach them and try to do a better job of coaching them."

Yankees' Cashman was concerned with Girardi's 'connectivity'

NEW YORK (AP)—Yankees general manager Brian Cashman decided it "was time for a new voice and a fresh voice" in New York's clubhouse after concluding Joe Girardi was not the right manager for a team that has reoriented toward youth.

New York announced Oct. 26 that Girardi would not be offered a new contract, ending a 10-year run that ended when the Yankees lost Game 7 of the AL Championship Series to Houston, the eventual World Series champion.

"The issue and the concerns were," Cashman said, "ability to fully engage, communicate, connect with the playing personnel. And in saying that there might be a tough hurdle for someone that's been in that particular position as a manager for 10 years."

The GM said he doesn't have a timetable for a decision on a replacement and plans to interview candidates from both inside and outside the organization.

Cashman said he informed owner Hal Steinbrenner of his Girardi analysis on Oct. 23, two days after New York's season ended. Cashman met Girardi the next day.

"I made that recommendation based on ... some experiences that I was able to validate, whether it's directly or indirectly about the connectivity and the communication level with the players in that clubhouse," Cashman said Monday in his first comments about the decision.

New York began its transition in August 2016 when it released Alex Rodriguez and traded several veterans for prospects.

"Once that cleared out, I felt we had new opportunities to re-engage and reconnect and have channels maybe open a little bit easier," Cashman said. "When I saw that that wasn't happening to the level of I think that was necessary as we move forward, that's when the recommendation came by myself to Hal Steinbrenner."

A catcher with the Yankees from 1996-99 who won three titles, Girardi managed the Florida Marlins in 2006. He replaced Joe Torre as Yankees manager before the 2008 season and went 910-710, leading New York to the 2009 World Series title and three first-place finishes in the AL East.

Girardi was at the end of his four-year contract. The retooled Yankees went 91-71 this season, their best record since 2012, defeated Minnesota in the AL wild-card game and overcame 2-0 deficit to beat Cleveland in a five-game Division Series.

"Is there a shelf life to somebody's abilities in one particular market or not? I guess that might be the question that's really more on the table than anything else," Cashman said.

Cashman would not say whether a pennant or World Series win this year would have changed the decision.

"It's a tough to put a hypothetical in there," he said.

Hosmer, Moustakas, and Cain among 9 with $17.4M offers

NEW YORK (AP)—Kansas City Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer, third baseman Mike Moustakas and outfielder Lorenzo Cain were among nine free agents who have received $17.4 million qualifying offers from their teams.

Chicago Cubs pitchers Jake Arrieta and Wade Davis also received the offers Monday, as did Tampa Bay pitcher Alex Cobb, Colorado closer Greg Holland, St. Louis pitcher Lance Lynn and Cleveland catcher Carlos Santana.

Players have until Nov. 16 to accept. If they sign with new teams, their old clubs would get an extra draft pick as compensation—possibly a much lower selection than in the past under the rules in baseball's new labor contract.

A club signing one of the players who didn't accept would lose a draft selection—no longer a first-round pick—and possibly part of its international bonus pool allocation for 2018-19.

In Arlington, the Texas Rangers have declined their 2018 club options for slugger Mike Napoli and reliever Tony Barnette, and won't make a $17.4 million qualifying offer to free agent pitcher Andrew Cashner.

Texas did exercise its club option on 13-game winner Martin Perez, a 26-year-old left-hander.

General manager Jon Daniels said Monday that the Rangers wouldn't make qualifying offers on any of their free agents. That includes Cashner, the Texas native who was 11-11 with a 3.40 ERA in 28 starts in his only season with the Rangers, and center fielder Carlos Gomez.

Right-hander Austin Bibens-Dirkx and catcher A.J. Jimenez were assigned outright to Triple-A Round Rock and can choose free agency.

In San Francisco, the Giants believe they can bounce back from a last-place season behind one of the best rotations in baseball.

It starts with Madison Bumgarner. MadBum's $12 million option was exercised by the Giants, who are determined to keep a talented rotation intact.

"It's our bread and butter," executive vice president of baseball operations Brian Sabean said Monday. "We're very excited about the workload that hopefully they can take on and endure through next year. It's really a must for us. Our starting pitching has been a mantra. We also know we have to fortify the bullpen. We look at last year as an aberration, a lot driven by injury."

San Francisco locked up Bumgarner long-term in April 2012 on a $35.56 million, six-year contract through this year. The deal with the 28-year-old includes another $12 million option for 2019.

Kyrie takes charge in Celtics' 9th straight win

ATLANTA (AP)—Kyrie Irving took charge in a fashion only he can.

Dribbling and weaving through the lane and around the perimeter, Irving scored from all over and kept his teammates involved all night.

"It's a beautiful game when it's played the right way," the four-time All-Star said. "It's not going to look good every possession, but you've got to be able to move onto the next play. I understand that better than most."

Irving scored 35 points, Jayson Tatum added 21 and the Boston Celtics held off the Atlanta Hawks 110-107 Monday night for their ninth straight victory.

Irving's 3 from the right wing put the Celtics up 104-103—the game's 25th lead change—with 1:37 remaining, and Boston led the rest of the way.

Dennis Schroder had 23 points for the rebuilding Hawks, who dropped to 2-9 a night after a surprising two-point win at Cleveland.

"It would've been sweet to win two in a row against those kinds of teams," Schroder said. "But we ended up short."

Boston improved to 9-2, best in the NBA, and has its longest winning streak in seven years.

Al Horford had 15 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists in his best game against the Hawks. Horford spent his first nine seasons in Atlanta before leaving as a free agent ahead of last season and had totals of 20 points and 17 rebounds in three games against his former team.

Irving had his first 30-point game as a Celtic on a night packed with highlights. He dribbled between his legs and behind his back before hitting a floater off the glass from the left baseline to put Boston up 46-44. He had two impressive assists late in the third with long, one-handed passes that led to 3s by Marcus Smart and Tatum, the latter giving Boston a 72-71 lead.

Irving either scored or assisted on every basket of a 16-2 run in the third that put the Celtics up by seven. He finished with seven assists.

"He's just very unique," Horford said. "He has a good sense of how teams are playing him."

The Celtics started to pull away and took their biggest lead at 10 on Semi Ojeleye's 3 early in the fourth, but the Hawks came back to take a few brief leads in the final period.

"To compete the way we did and give ourselves a chance to win, we got better tonight and we can learn from it," Atlanta coach Mike Budenholzer said.

Boston coach Brad Stevens wasn't pleased with the ball movement or defense early in the third, storming the floor to call timeout after Atlanta's Luke Babbit hit a 3 to put the Hawks up 57-54.

"You could just tell mentally and physically we were dragging a little bit," Irving said. "That's going to happen sometimes considering how hard we play, but we don't want to make that a habit for us. No excuse."

Warriors 97, Heat 80

In Oakland, Kevin Durant had 21 points and eight rebounds to help the Golden State Warriors overcome their shooting woes and beat the Miami Heat in a rare low-scoring outing Monday night.

Draymond Green scored 18 points with a season-high four 3s to go with nine rebounds as the defending NBA champions won for the seventh time in their last eight games, including three straight in lopsided fashion on their recent road trip.

The Warriors had scored 100 points in every regular-season game since their second-to-last matchup last season, a 105-99 defeat to Utah as the regulars rested or played limited minutes ahead of the playoffs. Golden State is 3-11 over the past three seasons when held below 100 points.

Stephen Curry added 16 points and Klay Thompson 13. The Warriors shot just 36.8 percent and 11 for 32 from deep. Durant added six assists and three blocks.

James Johnson scored 21 points off the bench and Goran Dragic contributed 19 points for Miami a night after squeaking out a 104-101 road win against the Clippers.

Thompson missed his first four 3-point tries before connecting late in the first half as Golden State took a 50-37 lead into intermission. Curry was 1 for 9 in the first half and Durant 3 for 8—and they went a combined 0 for 7 from deep—before Golden State got going a bit after halftime.

Curry was hit with a technical at the 3:20 mark of the first quarter for an elbow to Tyler Johnson while the Golden State star drove to the basket.

Both teams were cold shooting in the early going—Golden State 29.2 percent in the first quarter to 38.1 by Miami.

Nets 98, Suns 92

In Phoenix, the Brooklyn Nets had lost their scoring touch during a four-game losing streak, so they turned to defensive pressure to end the skid.

AP

Boston Celtics guard Kyrie Irving (11) drives against Atlanta Hawks guard Dennis Schroder (17) during the second half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, in Atlanta. Boston won, 110-107.

D'Angelo Russell scored 13 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, and Brooklyn held the Phoenix Suns to 34.9 percent shooting.

Russell added eight assists, Joe Harris scored a season-high 18 points and Brooklyn won a game that featured 32 turnovers and 59 fouls.

"It wasn't the prettiest game ever played in the NBA," Nets head coach Kenny Atkinson said. "A lot of fouls, but we found a way. Our defense was good. We had contributions from a lot of guys."

The Suns rallied from a 15-point first-half deficit to lead 75-74 after Jared Dudley's layup with 9:17 to play. The Nets went back ahead moments later and held on for their first road win of the season, with Russell scoring eight of his team's next 12 point after it lost the lead.

"Just didn't want to lose and tried to do whatever it took to win," Russell said. "Everybody came through as a collective unit and did what they were supposed to do."

DeMarre Carroll added 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Allen Crabbe scored 15 points.

"That was the first time we held a team under 100 (points) this year," Crabbe said. "I think we all just came in focused."

T.J. Warren had 20 points as the Suns dropped their third straight, including Sunday at San Antonio. Devin Booker scored 18 points before fouling out late in the game.

The Suns started well, with Booker scoring 11 points in the first seven minutes, before the Nets used a 16-0 run to go up 28-16.

Phoenix cut the lead to one twice in the second quarter but finished the half making 10 of 40 shots. The Nets, behind 14 first-half points from Harris, led 47-41 at the break.

"Give them credit, they challenged us well," Suns interim head coach Jay Triano said. "We tried ... to see if we could get a bunch of guys going and it was tough to make shots."

Booker reached 3,000 career points with a 19-foot jumper with 7:46 to play in the first quarter. He needed six points to reach 3,000 entering the game.

Booker, 21, is the fourth-youngest player in NBA history to score 3,000 points, behind LeBron James, Kevin Durant and Carmelo Anthony.

Caligiuri, Martino latest candidates for USSF president

NEW YORK (AP)—Former U.S. national team forward Paul Caligiuri and midfielder Kyle Martino are the latest new candidates for U.S. Soccer Federation president in the wake of the Americans' failure to qualify for next year's World Cup.

Caligiuri, 53, scored in the 1-0 win at Trinidad and Tobago in 1989 that put the U.S. in the World Cup for the first time since 1950. He started every U.S. match at the 1990 and 1994 World Cups, and scored five times in 110 international appearances. After retiring as a player, he has coached Cal Poly-Pomona men's team (2002-08), its women's team (2002-2005) and Orange County FC of the National Premier Soccer League (starting in 2017). He also has served on the USSF's board of directors.

Caligiuri said that in addition to success by the women's team, the U.S. should set a goal of winning its first men's World Cup.

"I believe that's what Americans want," he said Monday. "They want a leader who sets forth a path of winning to make Americans proud."

The 36-year-old Martino had one goal in eight international appearances, playing for Columbus (2002-06) and the LA Galaxy (2006-07). He is among the studio analysts on NBC's coverage of England's Premier League.

"U.S. Soccer is at the lowest point of its modern existence, with failing to qualify for the 2018 World Cup merely a symptom of bigger issues," Martino said in a statement. "We need a change, not just of direction but of vision and ambition."

Martino cited "mistreatment of our female athletes" and "financial barriers at the youth level."

He launched a GoFundMe page on Monday.

"When a nation of more than 300 million fails to qualify for the World Cup, it's not because of a few bad bounces on a less-than-perfect pitch; it's because of systemic failures across all levels of the game," he said.

USSF president Sunil Gulati has not announced whether he will seek a fourth four-year term at the election in February. Announced candidates include USSF vice president Carlos Cordeiro; former U.S. forward Eric Wynalda, who has taken a leave from Fox Sports; Boston lawyer Steve Gans; and Paul LaPointe, Northeast Conference manager of the United Premier Soccer League. Retired U.S. forward Landon Donovan is said to be considering a run.

BBB takes fourth playoff seat

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REPORTER

Batang Bear Brand earned a playoff berth in the 2nd Ali'i Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League after outclassing Team Sawi, 74-63, last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

BBB's game improved as the game progressed to post the 11-point win over Team Sawi and join Silencer (8-2), Black Mamba (7-2), and Tropang Ridhors (7-4) to the eight-team playoff round. BBB now has a 6-2 record, while Team Sawi fell to a 4-4 card and must win at least two of its last three games to make the cut for the next phase of the competition.

Team Sawi is at the No. 8 spot, ahead of Empe Light (3-6), Gold Ballers (2-6), Vendetta (1-6), and Green Archers (0-9) and behind Green Minded (5-4), Spigen (5-4), and White Haus (5-3).

Hal Spott, Elmer Esdrelon, and Ronnel Gamboa combined for more than half of BBB's total output to hand their squad its sixth win. Spott used his heft and height to cherry pick in the paint and score a team-high 21 points. Esdrelon and Gamboa contributed 18 and 15, respectively, to offset the 26 markers of Team Sawi's Errol Peredo.

Peredo, Jerome Director, and J.R. Concepcion kept Team Sawi in the game in the first quarter, which ended in a deadlock, 16-all. Spott and Esdrelon totaled for 13 points in the opening canto.

Spott then found a new partner in Gamboa in the second quarter, as the latter tallied 8 points, just one more than the former's output to put BBB on top, 40-34.

BBB never relinquished the lead from thereon, with Spott, Esdrelon, and Gamboa working together in the second half to counter Peredo's multiple baskets for Team Sawi.

BBB 74— Spott 21, Esdrelon 18, Gamboa 15, Che 6, Ariar 4, Devero 3, Achas 2.

Team Sawi 63 — Peredo 26, Talania 14, Seralde 10, Concepcion 7, Galulu 4, Buenabajo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-16, 40-34, 57-53, 74-63.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Batang Bear Brand's Hal Spott, left, wrestles the ball with a Tropang Ridhors player during an earlier game in the Ali'i Blue Haus caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium. Spott scored 21 points in their 74-63 win over Team Sawi last Sunday.

JKPL, Imperial Pacific partner for successful golf fundraiser

For many of Joeten Kiyu Public Library's programs that are aimed towards providing the needs of the community, Imperial Pacific International has been steadfast with its support through its community arm, the Corporate Social Responsibility.

Over the weekend, the 3rd Annual Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament held at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's east course was successfully staged. This was the second time that Imperial Pacific's Corporate Social Responsibility has partnered with the state library.

The turnout was unprecedented as over 100 golfers and supporters showed up for the golf fundraising tournament.

Imperial Pacific International, one of the co-sponsors (diamond) of the event, went all out in supporting the staging of the competition from providing manpower resources to hosting the banquet. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) goes for a long drive on the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

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From left, Department of Public Safety captain Jerry Ayuyu, Ron Anderson of Legend Realty, Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), and IPI-CSR executive director Geri Dela Cruz, show up at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort to support the 3rd Annual Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament held last Saturday.

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Dawn completed the Top 3 after tallying 84 markers.

In the over 15 races, Kento came in at second in the 200m IM (1:03.08), 100m freestyle (55.38 seconds), 50m freestyle (25.18 seconds), and 100m IM (1:01.20) for a division third-best 88 points. Brandon Huang and Jason Chang gave Shanghai a 1-2 finish after registering 100 and 93 points.

The Top 3 placers in each age group received trophies.

In the team rankings, host TAS delivered as expected with its 3,840 points and was joined in the Top 3 by Shanghai (3,403), and Western Academy of Beiing (2,321.50). SSC, which had the smallest team in the competition with its eight swimmers, placed ninth after earning 595 points.

Taiyo Akimaru, Jinju Thompson, Sophia Gauran, David Boyer, and Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero are the other members of the SSC crew and results of their races will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Friday edition. SSC head coach Jacoby Winkfield accompanied the young swimmers to Taiwan for the three-day event.

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prize that was donated by Team Tinian members Ayuyu and Toram Borja.

Team Tinian coach Allen Manglona said that they decided to hold another grappling tournament after the successful staging of the inaugural event last Oct. 20.

"It was an awesome experience and a great way for these talented islanders to come together, compete, learn from each other, and improve their grappling skills," Manglona, who won their inaugural event, told *Saipan Tribune*.

David Sandbergen, Napu Reyes, Kimo Adriano, Pacific Xtreme Combat veteran Peter Cruz Cepeda, Ton Reyes, Gracie Barra and Team Roninz's Elden Dela Cruz Jr., and Juschery Castro joined Manglona, Lorenzo Attao, Mundo, Ayuyu, and Jesus Attao in the tournament. Lorenzo Attao, Dela Cruz, and Jesus Attao are from Saipan and traveled to Tinian by boat just to join the competition.

Rites of Passage 22: Rampage veteran Juschery Castro opened up the tournament when he challenged AOW veteran Jesus Attao. The 10-minute, no overtime match ended in a draw. Cepeda then defeated Ton Reyes via armbar submission in the second match, while AOW bronze medalist Dela Cruz beat Napu Reyes by RNC. Ayuyu topped Sandbergen also by RNC, while Lorenzo Attao bested Adriano via triangle choke. Mundo dispatched Manglona via guillotine choke, while the Cepeda-Dela Cruz match ended in another draw.

Up next for the group is the the Tinian Open Weight Submission Grappling Tournament 3: Taga Invitational scheduled later this month.

"It was a good learning experience for both Tinian and the visiting Saipan fighters. It was an excellent way to build a relationship with another gym from our neighboring island, learn new techniques, and improve our overall grappling skills," added Manglona.

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weight division in my category so I went up against guys who are over 200 lbs."

"I weighed 176.0 lbs the night before the competition, lighter compared to my opponents. I ended up over 30 lbs lighter than my opponents, but I'm happy with [placing third] because I was able to beat some of the top guys in the sport, not just in my weight division but in bodybuilding overall."

He was hoping to rule his division but he saw that he was up against a challenging field. His third place award, however, motivated him to work harder to either finish higher next time like what his coach Derek Cutting accomplished (second place) in the Stingrey Classic in Hawaii.

Mendiola said he was pumped up and excited once he stepped on the stage despite seeing the other contestants bigger than him. "I knew for a fact that I have a slight advantage in conditioning and my posing for the judges."

"I also have the better-toned leg muscles compared to them. I just stayed confident no matter who I'm against or wherever stage I'm about to step into. I didn't get intimidated after seeing that they were over 6 feet and 200 lbs than me. I just prayed for guidance and strength."

His next competition is the 2017 Michelob Ultra Bodybuilding and Fitness Championships, and International Invitational on Nov. 17 at the Leo Palace Resort in Yona, Guam.

2017 Belau Men's Masters Softball League Finals

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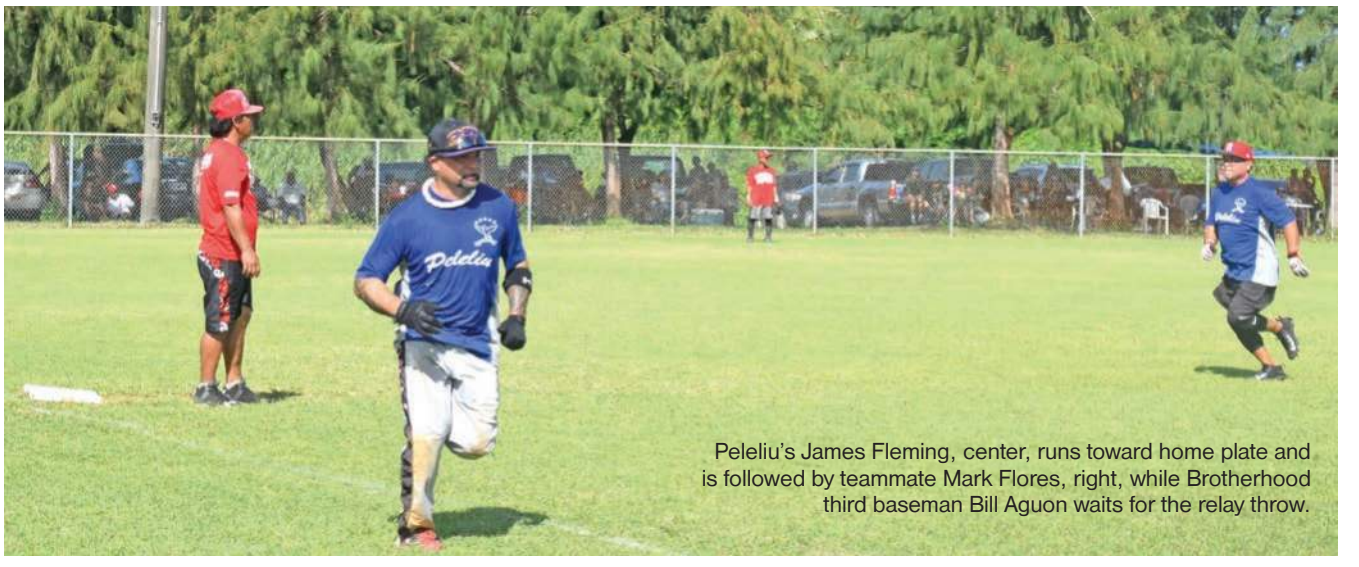
Brotherhood players and supporters pose for a group photo after winning the 2017 Belau Men's Masters Softball League title last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

Brotherhood shortstop Jerry Ayuyu, right, misses picking up the grounder, while teammate Joe Lizama looks on.

Peleliu's Walter Macaranas, right, prepares to hit the ball.

Peleliu pitcher Rush Kintaro, right, and second baseman Mark Flores watch the ball get past them.

A Brotherhood batter, right, waits for the throw of Peleliu hurler Rush Kintaro in Game 2 of their best-of-three championship series.



Peleliu's James Fleming, center, runs toward home plate and is followed by teammate Mark Flores, right, while Brotherhood third baseman Bill Aguon waits for the relay throw.

A Brotherhood player slows down as he approaches home plate.

Brotherhood players celebrate their two-game sweep of Peleliu in their best-of-three finals and the team's fifth straight title.

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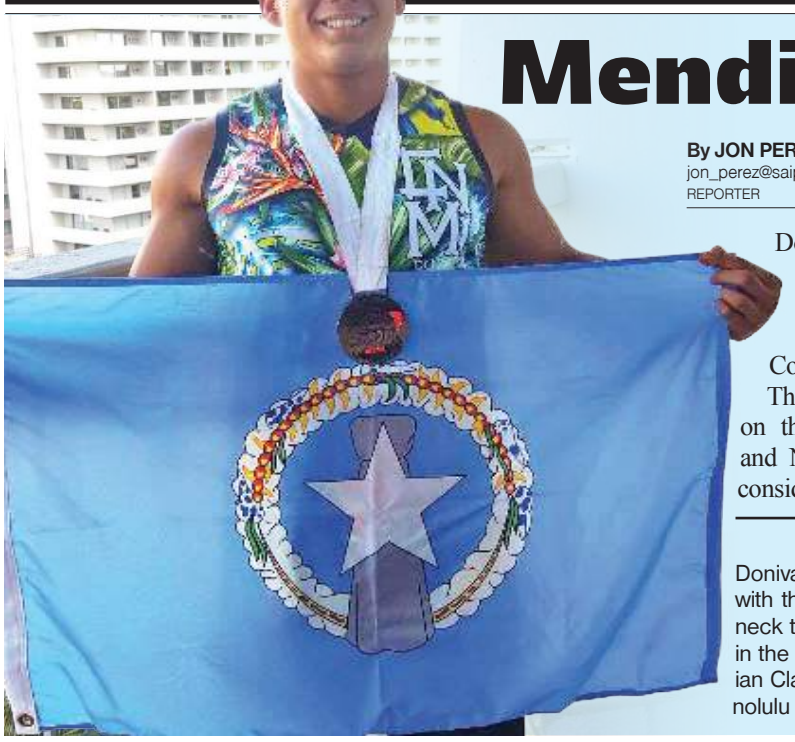

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Donivan Mendiola claimed the bronze medal in the 2017 NPC Shawn Ray's Hawaiian Classic held last Nov. 4 at the Honolulu Convention Center in Hawaii.

The tournament was shown live on the Generation Iron Network and NPC News Online, which is considered as the biggest news network for bodybuilding and the ESPN of the sport.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Donivan Mendiola holds the CNMI flag with the third place medal around his neck the morning after the competing in the 2017 NPC Shawn Ray's Hawaiian Classic held last Nov. 4 at the Honolulu Convention Center in Hawaii.

Mendiola finished third behind eventual champion James Tani and runner-up Changdae Kim in the men's physique novice division. Another CNMI bet, Enrico Valdez, also saw action in the Shawn Ray Classic and placed sixth in the same category.

It was the second straight third-place finish for Mendiola this year and third overall and it came two weeks after he won the overall championship in the 2017 Dee Clayton Classic at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Charley's Cabaret. He also placed third in this year's Ikaika Classic at the Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall in Honolulu, Hawaii and in the 2016 Michelob Ultra Bodybuilding and Fitness Championships, and International Invitational.

Mendiola said the Shawn Ray Classic was the biggest and hardest event that he competed in as it attracted a total of 285 international bodybuilders.

"The show was huge. I went up against people who were like 30 lbs heavier than me. But I still managed to place in the Top 3," the CNMI bodybuilder said.

Mendiola, in a Facebook interview with the *Saipan Tribune*, added his third-place finish was worth the sacrifice and hours he spent in the gym to prepare for the event. "There was no

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Top 3 finish for SSC swimmers

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Saipan Swim Club's Lennosuke Suzuki, seen here in a local meet last month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi, finished second overall in the boys 13 to 14 age group competition in the 2017 TAS Tigersharks Invitational Swim held over the weekend at the Taipei American School's Ira B. Weislow Aquatics Center in Taiwan.

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Saipan Swim Club's Jinnosuke and Lennosuke Suzuki and Kento Akimaru made it to the podium of the 2017 TAS Tigersharks Invitational Swim held over the weekend at the Taipei American School's Ira B. Weislow Aquatics Center in Taiwan.

Jinnosuke placed runner-up in the boys 11 to 12 age group (overall high-point race), besting more than 20 swimmers in his division. Lennosuke duplicated his younger brother's feat after being ranked at No. 2 in the boys 13 to 14 division, which also drew more than 20 swimmers from multiple teams from Taiwan, Singapore, China, Japan, and Hong Kong. Akimaru, on the other hand, took the third place honors in the very competitive over 15 age group.

The 12-year-old Jinnozuke got off to a good start, as he won his first event in short course (25m) competition. The SSC swimmer topped the 400m freestyle event after clocking in at 4:37.05, way ahead of runner-up and Abc Swimming Club's Derek Wu, who submitted 4:48.05.

The younger Suzuki, who collected 97 points from the six events he joined, also finished first in the 100m (1;01.11) and 200m (2:10.40) freestyle swims and 200m individual medley (2:31.39). He placed second in the 100m IM (1:11.40) and fourth in the boys over 15's 200m freestyle relay (with Akimaru, Lennosuke, and David Boyer). The SSC bet lost by only 3 points against Shanghai International School's Jerry Yan.

The older Suzuki also had first place finishes in the 200m IM (2:27.88) and ranked second in the 100m breaststroke (1:18.77), 200m freestyle (2:04.24), and 50m freestyle (26.52 seconds) to gain 86 points. TAS Tigersharks' Hironori Kondo ruled the age group after getting 100 points, while his teammate Ethan

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Attao rules Tinian Open grappling event

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Lorenzo Attao emerged as the champion of Team Tinian's Open Weight Submission Grappling Tournament 2: King of the Rock held last Nov. 4 at the Tinian Gym in San Jose, Tinian.

Attao, Perry Mundo, Nick Ayuyu, and Jesus Attao were the four remaining fighters after the knockout elimination round that featured 12 warriors. Lorenzo Attao faced Nick Ayuyu in the semifinals, while Mundo met Jesus Attao in the other Final Four matchup. Lorenzo Attao defeated Nick Ayuyu via rear-naked choke to move to the title bout, while Mundo followed the former to the finals after disposing of Jesus Attao via triangle choke.

In the finals, Lorenzo Attao employed the same aggressive skills that he used in ruling the flyweight division in the 2014 Art of War 9: Grappling and Submission against Mundo, who finished third in Tinian's inaugural event last month. Attao, in the end, managed to sneak in a triangle choke and Mundo failed to free himself from the hold, allowing the former to win the $50 cash

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Lorenzo Attao, bottom, uses the triangle-choke hold in forcing Perry Mundo to submission during the finals of Team Tinian's Open Weight Submission Grappling Tournament 2: King of the Rock held last Nov. 4 at the Tinian Gym in San Jose.